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NSL STARS FOO SEASON



Allan Davidson (left) — a big season in 1983?

Starting today and continuing next week: A series of articles on the most likely stars in the 1983 NSL season — see inside.

Big prizes for Juniors

YOU, too, can win big cash prizes — if you take prize in our junior contest sponsored by Serderon. This and other junior stories and news on pages 12-13.

Ole! We're off to Mexico



Jim Patikas, playmaker and dynamo of the Young Socceroos

The Young Socceroos have made it to the World Youth Cup Finals in Mexico in June.

In an epic struggle they overcame a myriad handicaps to win their second round elimination tournament, in Costa Rica, and have earned the right to represent Australia at the highest possible level.

Israel, in their last match, failed to peg back Australia's lead in the series.

So it's Viva Australia — Mexico, here we come! — See match reports inside this issue.

GIRLS SET TO CHARM HAWAII

Who's talking about equal rights? The girls are moving right ahead of us! Now they're packing their bags for an exciting tour of Hawaii in a quest for sporting and feminine conquest. See our story inside.



Joanne Byers, one of the Australian stars, in action.

GIANTS TEAM UP TO BOOST SOCCER



Saints' keeper Mike Fraser: chance for all talented young Australians under new ASF plan.

The man who masterminded the commercial success of the 1982 World Cup finals is behind a plan to lift Australian soccer's professional credibility.

Patrick Nally, together with the ASF and Channel 7, outline and explain what all the big-money noise is about — turn to page 4.

AMPOL CUP '83, SYDNEY

By John Economos

MELITA V BLACKTOWN 1-1

Even extra-time could not separate Melita Eagles and Blacktown Demons in their 1-1 draw, and the replay has been scheduled for Tuesday night.

Melita opened up as the better side in what turned out to be a rousing encounter, but, as with Blacktown, they found the opposing goalkeeper right on top for the entire first half.

Stuart Selva came on after 48 minutes and suddenly the Demons were firing.

He ran wide to expose weaknesses in the Eagles' defence and found the net himself in the 55 minute.

The move began with Kirwan, who cut back the ball from inside Melita's penalty box. Selva snatched his goal after Alex McPherson had dropped the ball.

With three minutes of normal time remaining John McKie collected a rebound after Ray Farrugia had made the running and netted the equaliser.

MELITA: McPherson, Williams, Cross (Chaloner 66m), Fogarty, Ankudinoff (McCoy 59m), McAusland, Jamieson, Farrugia, Allan, Duarte, McKie.

BLACKTOWN: Freeman, Wheatley, Rasmussen, Turnbull, Pointer, Brogan, Quarmby, Lumsdaine, McLaughlin (Selva 48m), Larkin (Batten 86m), Kirwan.

GOALS: 0-1 Selva (55m), McKie (77m).

REFEREE: K. Small. — Crowd 2107 (Double-header)

WOLLONGONG V POLONIA 4-2

Polonia attempted to get back into the game against Wollongong Wolves at Melita Stadium midway in the second half.

They pulled back to 3-2 thanks to a goal from Ken Smith after Ronnie Geekie put him on his way, but it was to no avail.

Within a minute Roy Cotton had another from a low cross by Phil O'Connor, and that spelt a 4-2 victory for the Wolves.

O'Connor had opened the scoring in the 30th minute, heading home from Phil Kerr's cross.

Two minutes later Henry Sobczyk fired past Preston to equalise, but then Glen Fontana and Roy Cotton shot their side into the lead early after the resumption.

On the night the Wollongong defence had some lapses and coach Willie Wallace faces the need for improvements following the departure of Arno Bertogna.

WOLLONGONG: Preston, Willis, Kerr, Pollard, Fleming, Morlando, Waldron, Gaffney (Peil 70m), Fontana, Cotton, O'Connor.

POLONIA: Steletenpool, Pritchard, Geekie, Galas, Lasek, Cieslik, Galoski, Ortega, Thomas (Dickson 41m), Sobczyk (32m), 2-1 Fontana (48m), 3-1 Cotton (55m), 3-2 Smith (59m), 4-2 Cotton (60m).

REFEREE: B. Fowler. — Crowd: 2107 (Double-header).

CROATIA V YUGAL 2-0

Yugal tried hard to master their old rivals and almost covered the gap between them before going down 2-0.

They were aided by the absence of the injured Bruno Vidaic and Kevin Coleman from the Croatia line-up.

It appears that Coleman could be transferred to Queensland by his employers.

In the first minute Croatia's Raul Carizzo had only to touch the ball in, but he swung his shot wide and high.

Brett Woods put his team ahead in the 23rd minute with a penalty. Yugal lost their chance to equalise when Joe Karacan was brilliantly tackled by Woods after he had reached a scoring position.

Bobby Pagano replaced Clive Campbell in the 53rd minute and scored four minutes from time to put the result safely in Croatia's hands.

Although Yugal were forced to slow their pace over the last 15 minutes they still managed to be strong on the burst.

CROATIA: Watson, Woods, Tomasic, Basic, Coyne, Kovacic, Rezo, Savor, Campbell (Pagano 53m), Carizzo, Hensman.

YUGAL: Berry, Rendall, Cummings (Coldarevic 73m), McIntosh, Clarke, Turkoglu, Gogic, Karacan, Phodas, Rugari (Babian 60m), Tanoski.

MARCONI V AUBURN 5-1

Marconi tried out youngsters Joe Rizzotto, Dominic Giannone and Robert Gangi and still ran out 5-1 winners over Auburn at Marconi Stadium.

There was, however, only one goal in the first half, with Vic Bozanic powering one of his freekick specials into Noel Walker's net.

Right after the resumption Mark Jankovics collected the first of his three goals by slipping the ball under Walker, and Tony Henderson was quickly in the act with a glorious 35-metre shot.

Mark Nesbitt broke through the middle for Auburn's goal and the State Leaguers made a spirited comeback.

But Jankovics rose out of a group of defenders to head Marconi's fourth and then the same player made short work of a penalty right on fulltime to finish the scoring at 5-1.

Auburn, with experi-

enced John McDonald and Alec McMillan on the job once again, did enough to show that they will aim at least for a middle spot in this year's State League.

MARCONI: Maher, Bozanic, Rizzotto, Henderson, Budini, Djordjevic, Carboni, Silva (Gangi 66m), Hunter, Giannone, Jankovics.

AUBURN: Walker, Quigley, McInerney, Prgomelja, McMillan, McDonald (Sullivan 71m), Turner, Bobanic, Nesbitt, Langan, Carney.

GOALS: 1-0 Bozanic (36m), 2-0 Jankovics (41m), 3-0 Henderson (46m), 3-1 Nesbitt (49m), 4-1 Jankovics (76m), 5-1 Jankovics (80m).

REFEREE: T. Davies. — Crowd: 3,200 (Double-header).

SYDNEY CITY V MARR. OLYMPIC 3-1

After this Ampol Cup match, spectators were entitled to ask for their money back.

Sydney City and Marrickville Olympic demonstrated the negative side of soccer.

The general trend of the game can be described with these words: slow, static, negative, pathetic, unexciting and, of course, bad.

Marrickville Olympic may have an excuse. They fielded a young unexperienced side with nine of the 11 players never having played first grade before.

But what about the champions? Surely, Sydney City does not look good enough to start in a month's time in the 7th National League season.

Against Marrickville Olympic the 4542 spectators "lost" all the big names of the triple champion team; they couldn't even find them with binoculars.

After a scoreless draw 0-0 in the first period, Sydney City took charge in the sec-

ond half, and the 53rd minute substitute Jean-Paul Demarigny opened the score with a low drive from inside the box-spot.

Four minutes later Willie Murray capitalised on a bad back pass and easily beat El Zein to make the score 2-0.

In the 62nd minute Fletcher was chopped in the box and the referee Gary Power with no hesitation put the ball on the penalty spot for Kosmina who made the score 3-0.

SYDNEY CITY: A. Pezzano, K. Mullen, A. Robertson, G. Gomez, I. Bruce, W. Murray, J. Watson, I. Souness, K. Boden (50' Jean-Paul Demarigny), J. Kosmina, G. Fletcher 63' G. Lee.

MARR. OLYMPIC: El Zein, A. Antonopoulos, G. Laws, J. Bonos, J. Anagnostopoulos, G. Andreau, W. Vassiliou, C. Papadopoulos, P. Demetriou (45' Phillippou), C. Thamnidis, S. Hatzis.

REFEREE: G. Power. — CROWD: 4,542. — Mike Mystakidis.

ST GEORGE V BANKSTOWN 8-0

St George proved just too powerful for Bankstown in their Ampol Cup match at the St George Stadium last Saturday night, when they inflicted an 8-0 thrashing upon them.

By halftime St George had lashed in five goals, from Slater and Koczka two each and one from veteran flankman, Dez Marton.

Saints racked in another three in the second half from Koczka (hat-trick for match), Wilkinson and Ratcliffe.

Bankstown found out the hard way that the disparity in standards between NSL and State League football was just too great even though David Beck was able to hit the post in the

35th minute.

Koczka, the young St. George midfielder, had a wonderful match generally and topped it off with a hat-trick of goals in the deal.

Another youngster, the rejected Robbie Slater from the Australian Youth team, just missed out on a hat-trick as well when he had his third goal disallowed early in the second half for off-side.

But the highlight of the match for me was the magnificent performance of the mercurial St George left striker, Dez Marton who drifted back deep to pick up loose balls and instigate attack after attack for his fellow strikers with magnificent long through-balls, low and over the top.

ST. GEORGE: Fraser: Skeen, M.O'Shea, Ratcliffe, R.O'Shea: Koczka, Stone, J.O'Shea: Slater, Wilkinson, Marton (Feher 73rd).

BANKSTOWN: Griffin: Blackburn, Agostini, Rootsey, Luckman: Hatton, Bourke, York: Beck, Dolton, King.

REFEREE: Barry Wilkinson.

Goals: 1-0 Koczka (12th m), 2-0 Slater (20th m), 3-0 Koczka (23rd m), 4-0 Marton (34th m), 5-0 Slater (38th m), 6-0 Koczka (47th), 7-0 Wilkinson (61st m), 8-0 Ratcliffe (77th m).

CROWD: 1,480.

SUTHERLAND V LEICHHARDT 1-0

Former Australian star John Watkiss sent his young Sutherland side into bat against NSL strong opponents, Leichhardt and pushed them out of the 1983 NSW Ampol Cup.

Sutherland's solitary winner came in the 49th minute when midfielder Mark Harrington hit a tremendous free-kick into Leichhardt's net after referee Jeff Warne ruled a 'hand-ball' by Leichhardt's newly signed Arno Bertogna.

CROWD: 4,542. — Mike Mystakidis.

In the first half, it looked as if Leichhardt would soon take the lead when striker Walter Valeri just shaved the Sutherland post with his diving header in the 22nd minute.

But the young Sutherland kids resisted Leichhardt's repeated onslaughts with good, fast counter-attacks and in the 39th minute, left-back Greg Watkins (having a top game) crashed a 22-metre left-footed drive with his body beautifully balanced and leaning to the right, that was on target and took the Leichhardt 'keeper, Bob Parks with surprise.

SUTHERLAND: Haynes: Cashman, Scharfegger, Dal Forno, Watkins: Hesford, Harrington, Webber: Knowles, Clinch, Rogers.

LEICHHARDT: Parks: Casacchia, J. Botalico, Pullen, Brown: Bradley, Bertogna, Tredennick: Morsello (Godzik 63rd min), Valeri (Van Edmond 69th min), Giampaolo.

REFEREE: J. Warne. — Scorers: 1-0 Harrington (49th m).

OLYMPIC V RIVERWOOD 3-1

Sydney Olympic, performing well below their best, defeated Riverwood 3-1, to ensure their entry into the quarter-finals of the Ampol Cup.

The Olympians, without Docherty on the bench to control their working "machine", were an ordinary team.

OLYMPIC: P. Wilson, M. Rogers, R. Herbert, I. Rowden, A. Scott (61' T. Dakos), P. Raskopoulos, K. Wilson (61' A. Svinos), G. Phillips, M. Koussas, P. Katholos, G. Jennings.

RIVERWOOD: R. Gisbourne, P. Butcher, D. Mikas, D. Forester, W. Coutes, D. Smith, J. Davis, B. Palmer, A. Tracey, B. Walker, J. Jones.

REFEREE: P. Rampley. — CROWD: 4,542. — Mike Mystakidis.

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STATE LEAGUE REPORTS

Auburn in need of punch

By John Economos

Under the guidance of coach Johnny McDonald, Auburn this year looks to have a far better balanced squad and should improve drastically on last season's results when they finished fourth last with 21 points, 17 clear points behind the leaders Croatia, Riverwood and Blacktown.

Having said that Auburn already has a better squad for the 1983 season, they have already been hit with problems up-front and are desperately looking for strikers to sign up.

During the off-season, star striker, Rod Brown who was on loan to the A.I.S., but still on Auburn's books, has been sold to NSL club Marconi for \$9,000 contrary to many other speculative valuations that have been banded around.

Rod Brown is currently starring for the Australian Youth team in the World Youth Championship elimination rounds in Costa Rica.

To add to Auburn's striking problems, their star goal-scorer for 1982, Mark Holloway, who nailed in no fewer than 11 goals, after being on loan to Auburn from champions Croatia, has now been recalled to his mother-club.

Still worse was to come for Auburn's front-line problems.

Late last week at a pre-season training session, young striker Bobby Allen suffered a broken arm in two places and will miss the next two months of soccer.

Nippy Ray

Johnny McDonald will be on the look-out for a good experienced striker to buy, but meanwhile will be expecting big things from young Ray Carney, a nippy flank player.

The midfield has a very strong look about it just as the backline has.

The middle-line has energetic material in the form of youngsters such as David Bobinac, 18, very similar in style to his coach when he was playing.

Most experienced midfielder for Auburn, and traffic controller, is non other than Micky Cale, 26, whilst young Wes Attwell who is in England is expected back to strip for 1983 with Auburn again.

The back-four looks very solid.

Led by captain Chris Quigley and the very skilful Charlie Prgomelja with

young Johnny Hardwick at left-back, there is Player of the Year 18-year-old Darren McIneney.

So Auburn's priority over the next few weeks is to bolster their firing power immediately to plug up the gaps left behind through injury, sales and loan-pay-

backs.

Auburn secretary, Col Parker, said: "Once we have sorted out our striking problems, we will be looking for Top Four honors this season, after having had a bad start last year but coming good fast towards the end."

AVALA STARS



Two of the Avala players likely to play a prominent role in 1983 — Branko Karanfilovski (top) and Peter Ahrens (bottom).

By John Economos

Former Australian World Cup striker, Atti Abonyi, has recently been hit with offers to take up positions with clubs.

So far, in the last few days, the ex-champion Australian striker has been approached by three clubs, two State League sides and one NSL club.

One of the State League clubs is Victorian whilst the NSL club is based in Sydney.

When A.S.W. contacted Abonyi last night, he was most reluctant to elaborate on the issue. In fact, he was most surprised with our inquiry.

"I cannot say at the moment what my future will be as two of the offers were quite sudden and most of all the NSL position came as a complete surprise."

"I say surprise because the role I would have to fill would not be restricted to the soccer pitch but would lean heavily towards administration as well."



"They want me to look after their NSL Youth squad, together with the administrative position."

This is a very strange proposition by that NSL club because both the secretarial position and the Youth team spot have been successfully filled during the off-season.

Yet strangely enough, now we have the situation well before the season has started that these two positions will be vacated and filled by Abonyi.

Understandably, Abonyi is mystified by the whole riddle.

Making the situation even more difficult, Abonyi has been offered a most lucrative contract to consider.

It's the first time in his soccer career that Abonyi finds himself completely 'nut-megged'.

Abonyi's football career with NSW State League side, Riverwood, came to an abrupt end when the club's phantom sponsor, ("Robin Hood"), suddenly ceased to support the club financially just before Christmas for reasons "beyond his control".

New South Wales

ATTI IN DEMAND

During the off-season, Abonyi, the idol of thousands of soccer fans—both young and old, has taken the N.S.W. Under 16s squad to Orange in a training camp and has conducted coaching

clinics with Australian Soccer Camps for Bill Engel-field at Dural Stadium.

"I have been trying very hard to put back something into the game I love so much, with the kids," Abonyi said.

Early yesterday, the N.S.L. offer went a step further when that club's senior committee man rang Abonyi and told him: "We need you much sooner than you realise. Like yesterday."

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The Spanish Club Soccer Club will compete in the First Division of the Inter-Urban Soccer Federation Premiership for the 1983 Season.

Sunday February 13, at 11am at the Spanish Club, Enrolment day will be held for all the players interested in playing for the Club in the 1983 Season.

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ROUND 2 (Replay)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8 — MARCONI STADIUM
8 PM MELITA V BLACKTOWN

ROUND 3

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11 — MARCONI STADIUM

6-45 PM MARCONI V WOLLONGONG
8-25 PM ST GEORGE V SYDNEY OLYMPIC

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12 — MELITA STADIUM

6.45 PM SYDNEY CITY V SUTHERLAND
8.25 PM CROATIA V (MELITA or BLACKTOWN)

ROUND 4

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18
TO BE ADVISED

West Nally spread their wings

A brilliant young English sports promoter, a sports-mad TV Channel, a dynamic Australian entrepreneur and one of Australia's most successful investment tycoons have combined to turn soccer into the proverbial 'Big Business.'

If their bid comes off, the game will have taken a giant step away from its traditional Cinderella status.

The foursome has impressive credentials. Patrick Nally, managing director of the West Nally Group, is one of the world's great sports impresarios; what Sol Hurok was to Broadway shows, West Nally is to big-time pro sport around the globe.

Last year's World Cup in Spain was the latest in the long line of major events the WN Group handled commercially — producing millions of dollars in revenue through TV rights and advertising.

Channel 7 has the know-how to produce sports-casts on a large scale.

They can also count on the solid support of the Fairfax Group of newspapers — the Sydney Morning Herald, the Sun, the Age and many others.

Then there is Peter Sheean with the looks of a movie star, the man who has gained fame, if not notoriety, in his lone battle to push through the Parramatta Stadium project.

Basically a promotion-oriented, public-relations-minded operator, Sheean will be West Nally's 'man in Australia' with the mission of turning soccer into a commercial proposition.

timistic and with the energy of a youngster, one of the investment geniuses of Australia.

Having amassed a reputed fortune of his own, it has been, for some time, his ambition to turn his one commercial failure, soccer, into yet another bonanza.

The four parties have been planning and negotiating for months before they unfolded, at Channel 7's studios last week, some details of Project 86.

This, in essence, is a package deal for soccer due to net the game unanimously millions in the next four years or so.

Top TV

Channel 7 will be, once again, screening soccer — but this time on a vast scale.

Having lost — or having shed — rugby league which for years was the network's main concern, they have switched sides and promise to throw all their considerable resources behind soccer.

Said their General Manager Ted Thomas:

Channel 7 is thrilled to be part of this drive by

matches each year over the next three years.

"We will employ the best sporting television techniques in our coverage of the Socceroos when they play

"Sportsworld".

"We anticipate that, with this team, Seven's soccer will appeal to a host of new viewers as well as those already committed to the

improving the national team's skill so West Nally are using their connections throughout world soccer to bring the national squads of such top nations as Eng-

Socceroos", for the 1986 World Cup.

The National League must become a very strong base of good soccer talent, and during 1983 Peter Sheean, the NSL and the ASF will undertake a full study designed to restructure the League by the start of the 1984 season," said Patrick Nally.

"It is hoped that in 1984 the League will have a more marketable structure with more "Big Match" promotions including the traditional Australian end of season semi-finals and grand finals.

"PROJECT '86" is a bold plan for properly establishing soccer as a major sport in this country and is a true marketing program with commercial development as the goal.

Up to eight companies will form the "family" of soccer companies.

West Nally know what they are talking about; they have an unequalled experience in world class soccer.

Over the last seven years, almost every significant international football tournament has benefited from West Nally's marketing and presentation. The company has been responsible for in-

Big projects

Projects handled by West Nally include the 1976 US Bicentennial soccer tournament, the 1978 World Cup in Argentina, the European Cup Final, the European Cup Winners' Cup Final, the 1980 European Championship, the Gold Cup (or Little World Cup) in Uruguay, the European/South American Cup and the 1982 World Cup in Spain.

West Nally's ability to make soccer appealing to the world's major companies ensured a huge increase in funding for the 1982 World Cup.

During 1983, West Nally's "PROJECT '86" schedule will provide experience for the national team, with no less than two previous World Cup winning nations visiting Australia, England and Uruguay.

"The marketing concepts that have been applied to world events, with great success, offer equal opportunities within Australia. "PROJECT '86" is a fully co-ordinated program, packaged with sponsor appeal in mind. At the same time, it will provide Australian soccer players with more opportunities



Patrick Nally, Sir Arthur George and Rex Mossop with the ball they want to start rolling.

New Zealand, England and the cream of South American, European and Asian teams.

For years we have presented an innovative and comprehensive rugby league coverage. The same production team will cover the Socceroo games."

Phil Berry, seven's Director of Sporting Programs, returned last week from England where he was studying soccer broadcasts with the BBC and ITV crews.

Channel 7 will be combining the best of English and Australian techniques in their soccer coverage.

Big Role

Patrick Nally's role in the package will be a crucial one.

"Rex Mossop will lead our on-air team. He is well known to Australia's sporting public as a rugby and league player and as the best football commentator in the country," said Ted Thomas.

Assisting Mossop will be Johnny Warren, former Australian captain and an authority on the game.

Most recently he has been hosting Seven's "Big League Soccer" and the soccer segment in

code," he added.

They have created an ambitious and exciting plan for the long-term development of soccer in Australia throughout the 1980's.

The plan includes:

- The staging of world-class matches against top nations in Australia.
- Full commercial television coverage of these events by Channel 7;
- The expansion of the Australian Soccer Federation.



ASF Executive Director Brian Emery.

tion management team to include Peter Sheean as Commercial Director.

Top class competition is a vital part of both popularising the game and

land, Italy and Uruguay to Australia throughout the next four years.

"Project '86" will start this month when Australia will play the first of a new series of annual clashes against New Zealand, — one of the nations Australia must beat to qualify for the 1986 World Cup.

In June, as earlier announced, Australia will play England in a three-match series in Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane.

To end the 1983 program, a major four-nation tournament, involving Australia, Uruguay, Cameroon and China will be staged in October in various cities.

"New" stadium

All these matches will receive full television coverage by Channel 7.

Plans are now well in hand for the establishment of a regular stadium with the right "atmosphere" for soccer telecasts in each city.

In Sydney the venue could be Belmore Oval which may play host to an increasing number of "PROJECT '86" international matches.

The program will ensure a regular annual schedule of internationals, all designed to prepare the "The



Peter Sheean and Sir Arthur George.

jecting at least \$100 million into the world game.

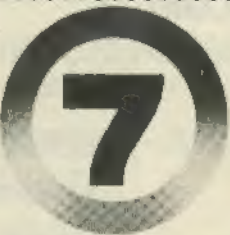
than ever before," Nally said.



NSL Chairman Sam Papasavas and Leo Anezakis, President of South Melbourne.

Finally, there is Sir Arthur George, 68, eternally op-

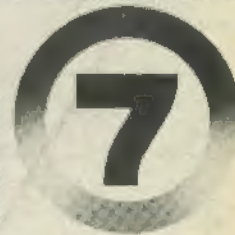
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Big TV Network joins up



Channel 7 Sydney

Newly appointed Marconi coach, the young ex-Burnley English midfielder, Doug Collins, will have the job ahead of him to lift this giant soccer club out of the doldrums.

Making his task even more laborious is the fact that the Board of Directors have slashed Collins' "buying budget" from \$80,000 down to nil.

However, with a stack of young blood coming through the ranks such as Rod Brown, Rene Licata, Steve Calderan etc, Collins has a good sprinkling of seasoned players already on his books and they will, together with his two new imports from England, bolster Marconi's aspirations for 1983.

Without a doubt, Collins will be demanding big things from his giant blond centre-back-cum-midfielder, Tony Henderson.

When Henderson first came to Australia from South Africa, he set the local scene on fire with the newly formed club, Canberra Arrows. That was back in 1977.

For the next three years, Henderson was a giant force with Canberra and then Marconi. A tower of strength in defence, he was brilliant when coming forward for his long-range cracking shots at goal.

But over the last couple of seasons, his shine has dimmed at club level as well as on the international scene. He is still young enough not to be considered as washed-up and over the hill.

Collins realises this more than anyone else and it will be his task to gear Henderson up.

Henderson, in the past 12 years, has amassed enormous playing experience and Marconi will lean heavily on him for this know-how.

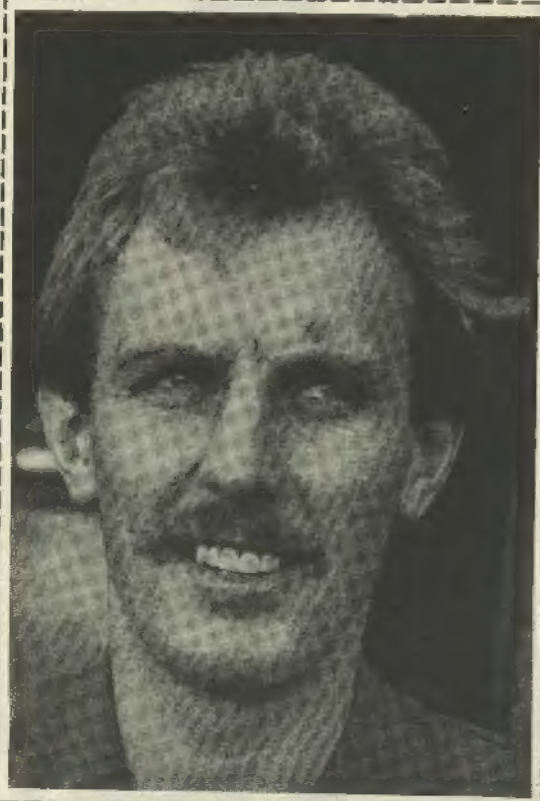
Exciting

There are very few, more exciting players than Henderson to watch when he is at his very best.

He is a match-winner.

Marconi should not shackle him down in the

midfield as the big fellow needs room to move. He is best breaking from the middle of the back line when attacking and off-the-ball. Henderson's height is invaluable in cutting out crosses into Marconi's box.



Tony Henderson, Marconi

Another Marconi player whom Collins wants to reveal his best is the experienced and talented international striker, Mark Jankovics.

Plagued over the last two seasons with muscular injuries to his leg, Jankovics, in pre-season preparations, has looked real good.

Three years back, he was leading PSL goalscorer and no doubt Mark wants to again get back amongst the goals.

For this season, he will have plenty of pace on the lines outside him with Rene

supported extremely well by newly signed national youth sensation, Rod Brown, currently in Costa



Licata

Rica with the Australian side.

The third player I feel will influence Marconi's des-

ahead of him to blend into a harmonious and efficient group, a squad of fresh and exciting young talent.

MARCONI

Licata on the left and Ian Hunter on the right flank.

Sensation

Added to this pace up front, Jankovics will be

tiny greatly, will be their new signing of English midfielder, Tommy Sermani.

Sermani has recently been playing with Torquay United, and has played with Albion Rovers and then moved onto Blackpool.

He is a seasoned professional, a superb athlete and is a goalscoring midfielder.

Having played 10 years in the English professional ranks, Sermani is just the type of material coach Collins will be placing his faith in.

Sermani flies into Australia from England this Friday afternoon.

With new, young and exciting talent being injected into the new-look Marconi line-up, Sermani, Henderson and Jankovics, will be called upon to 'lead' the young blokes around the pitch.

Henderson will be in command of the backline, Sermani directing traffic from centre-pitch, whilst Jankovics will look after the kids upfront in attack.

I feel Marconi will surprise many people about the middle of the season as they pick up points with monotonous regularity.

Collins has the job

Lowe is hot tip for '83 stardom

By Myles Hay

NEWCASTLE

Australian Youth international striker David Lowe figures highly in Newcastle KB United's plans for success this season.

Opinions were sought from Ken Kaiser (KB coach) and Frank Campbell who acted as Alan Vest's assistant at Newcastle for four years.

Campbell, who coached Austral United in the Northern NSW Second Division last year, is having a break from an active role this season but still retains a deep interest in the fortunes of Newcastle KB United.

Ken Kaiser says Joe Senkalski could prove the pivotal point of the side this season. Problems regarding employment in a post as Physical Education teacher will hopefully be overcome and allow this gifted player the freedom to express his latent ability on the field.

Senkalski will occupy a midfield role with the emphasis on co-ordinating attack to highlight his finishing ability.

Equally important is David Lowe who, according to coach Kaiser, is determined to improve on last year's showing when he was named the Australian Under 21 Player of the Year.

Former Cambridge United player Ian Buckley has come out of the woodwork to force his way into the first team squad and the coach has been astounded by his remarkable pace, outstripping all other Newcastle players at training.

Buckley will be used as a left side player where his speed could have an unsettling effect on opposing defenders.

Former coach Frank Campbell also names David Lowe as the most vital player in the Newcastle lineup.

Providing he has not suffered from the rigours of constant travel and playing in the Australian Youth squad's jaunts, he should again show that remarkable goal-getting ability.

New recruit

Peter Burke, one of Newcastle's recent arrivals from England, has the important task of dovetailing into a new defensive formation with the retirement of long-serving skipper Roy Drinkwater and John Sneddon.

Campbell considers that Burke's presence could have an influential effect on the local defence.

The other vital player for Newcastle in Campbell's opinion is fast-raiding Ian Buckley.

The fair-haired Englishman is determined to show the local supporters that he has fully recovered from his injuries, which kept him sidelined for all of last season.

I rate Howard Tredinnick, David Lowe and Bob Mountford as the trio around whom the success of the team could be built.

Tredinnick's coolness under pressure is admir-

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Howard Tredinnick

local supporters finally stop lamenting the loss of Ken Boden.

It's a most crucial year for the 19-year-old Lowe as a test of his character to brush aside his success at representative level and

United will entertain the strong Sydney City side in a pre-season trial, and as a solid workout for the Prime Minister's Cup clash against Canberra City at the Sports Centre on February 26.

English import Banfield holds key to puzzle

By Tom McKain

It may seem strange to say that a 20-year-old English import holds part of the puzzle which could complete an exciting future picture for Adelaide City, but such is the case with Neil Banfield.

The former England Youth international, who made his debut for City in the seventh round last year, was the club's star player by the end of 1982.

And it wasn't for the goals he scored, but his veteran-like qualities as a sweeper which showed maturity beyond his years.

And while his defensive ability is outstanding, he also has a tremendous attacking flair, coming from the back when the goals are not materialising and striking terror in the hearts of opposing midfielders and defences when he goes on attacking runs.

Indeed, Banfield would probably be an even bigger success as a midfielder, but coach Bobby Ferguson will have to decide whether the surprise element of Banfield's raids when he makes himself an extra man, will be more effective than if he was a fixed midfielder.

He may also not want to sacrifice the young Englishman's ability to read the game so well at the back.

Banfield is a "natural", appearing to cover his attacking full backs with ease, and yet be in his sweeper position when trouble threatens down the middle or from the wings and despite his sorties into attack he always seems to be back in position before the opposition gets the ball.

• FAST AND MOBILE

Another youngster, homebred this time, holds the key in midfield.

Big Chris Manou fought his way into a regular first team berth last season and at 20 looks like being a permanent fixture in the City line-up.

Despite his size he is exceptionally fast and mobile, and along with tank-like tackles he has developed an uncanny sense when it comes to laying on goals.

He is also able to vary his game.

It was noticeable last season that when the way through the middle was blocked, or he had only a right winger to pass to, he took up a station on the left and created chaos in defences.

An example of the

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former West Adelaide junior's dedication is that he turned up for training this season 2kg lighter than when he was at the end of 1982.

Manou may get a chance to show another side of his versatility.

fenders and create chances for strikers Les Carter and Charlie Villani.

And apart from any balls he may lay on, Wright also has the ability to carve up defences and score himself.

In his short stint with West he also showed how



Glenn Dods

With English import Neville Flounders not due to return from a holiday in the UK until late March, Manou may be given a chance to fill in as centre back during the Ampol Cup series.

And perhaps retain the spot for the start of the NSL.

However, coach Ferguson recognises his worth in the midfield and it is here fans want to see him line up.

• NEW WEAPON

It's goals that count, and City didn't get too many last season, but this year they have a new weapon — former Scottish professional Jimmy Wright, 24, signed from rivals West Adelaide earlier this year.

Out for most of last season with a knee in plaster following an injury against South Melbourne on March 7, Wright has been burning in training sessions.

A ball playing genius, Ferguson is hoping Wright will be able to torment de-

a ball should be crossed. He can dip them, bend them, curve them and lay them on for fellow forwards' feet or heads.

Wright is one of the exciting dying breed of players, a true old fashioned winger, built like a will-o-the-wisp with a magic swerve and entertaining ball skills.

With his experience in Scotland playing with St. Johnstone and Hibernian, Wright could help the 21-year-old English import Carter show his true potential, as he did not get the service he requires as a striker when he joined the club late last year.

Wright is also expected to be able to provide the chances for two of the club's brightest scoring prospects — 18-year-old Youth Soccerroo Joe Mullen, and 17-year-old Steve Maxwell, both signed from the state league.

All round this could be a big year for Wright, and if it is, the season could be just as big for City.

Can you imagine it without little Joe?

By Andrew Dettre

SYDNEY CITY

It's not easy to select three players from star-studded Sydney City for pre-eminence this year.

Who would have believed, just a year ago, that young Jim Patikas will steal the show from the other more seasoned campaigners or that Ian Souness would miss just about the whole year through injury?

Still, as one is compelled to take a punt, I opt for John Kosmina, Joe Watson and Jimmy Cant as my tips.

Let's start with Cant, possibly a surprise choice for many.

I saw him many times in Canberra City, then in Marconi — and I honestly wondered why on earth Eddie Thomson bothered to sign, even on a free transfer, a fairly "pedestrian" all-rounder.

Then, during 1982, I ate my words. Cant, playing in many different positions, became an indispensable cog in the smooth Slickers machine.

He is highly competitive, something other players call an "unpleasant" opponent, a very determined terrier snapping at the heels.

But he is more than a mere defender: this quiet Scot has excellent skills to propel him forward, cover enormous areas and launch attacks from the back or from midfield.

It's easy to pass him over in the glamorous Slickers side where the fans' eyes are usually glued to international stars.

But if constructive work-rate counts for anything, Cant must be close to the top.

Frankly, I can't see Thomson doing without him in 1983 especially now that Patikas, the other man with the indomitable spirit, has departed.

He had a great season in 1982, finishing up as the top scorer and having his best year since 1977 when, as a teenager, he exploded on the national scene.

Much more mature and deliberate now than five years ago, Kosmina is the prototype of the modern central striker: the Frank Stapleton, the Kenny Dalglish or Colin Stein of Australian soccer.

He has no real weaknesses: he can hit the ball with either foot, he can lay it off superbly and his heading — especially the timing of his jumps — is excellent.

Ever since he was a youngster, he has had a talent for shielding the ball and turning with it; these were two of his much admired assets in his first PSL year with West Adelaide and then later in the Aus-

tralian team in Fiji, Hong Kong and Korea.

lian class; "Little Joe" can kill the trickiest, most mad-

ly spinning ball with his instep, sell a dummy — and turn to goal, all in one ballet move.

He could be used at full-back, at sweeper or even in midfield and he could be counted on to get a goal to two, often out of the blue.

Sharp Kosmina

John Kosmina would be a fairly popular tip again for stardom.

Then his crosses: no computer could work out the trajectory and force of his balls better. They sail or zoom with pinpoint accuracy towards their target, inch-perfect, needing the merest touch to be nodded home.

Despite his size, Watson is no easy meat even for the most "masculine" defenders. In fact, it's pretty difficult to get him off the ball without giving away a freekick.

Admittedly his stamina and speed have faded a bit in the past season or two but his experience makes up for that.

It's hard to imagine the Slickers without him; even harder to believe that they could be quite the team they are if Watson had left or retired.

From the host of other very talented players I nominate David Mitchell and Alex Robertson as two who could steal the limelight in 1983. And, of course, that brilliant midfielder Ian Souness, provided he has his dorsal ailment behind him.



Joe Watson

The presence of Dave Mitchell in the attack has taken some weight off his shoulders; previously he often had to battle against two defenders to get through.

On top of everything, Kosmina is a stylist. He doesn't "only" get goals — like Mike Denton did, galore, some years ago — but gets them with grace and elegance, adding spice to the important substance.

He is, probably, the best central striker in Australian soccer and it would come as an enormous shock if 1983 did not bring him more success and kudos.

All brain

The third member of this troika is little Joe Watson, the team's indestructible veteran and, many believe, the "brain" of the Slickers.

Watson, all 168cm of him, is all soccer skill and intelligence; every fibre of his body is perfectly shaped and honed for this game.

His skills are in the Brazi-



Jim Cant

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AMPOL CUP

Bobby McLachlan's Footscray gave Brunswick Juventus a soccer lesson when they not only thrashed them 4-1 but also spelled out the message that they're not ready for the big time.

Graham Tutill, the new-comer from Frankston City, didn't give up running and put one ball in the net in the first half with the help of another newcomer, Gus MacLeod, (ex-Green Gully).

Big Gus MacLeod scored his first goal for his new club in his second match for them. It came in the 10th minute with a back header that a Juventus defender on the goal line failed to stop.

Later it was Tutill's turn. His shot in the roof of the net made it two-up.

Juventus hit back in the 24th minute with a goal from Ged Bannon after some good lead-up work by Kevin Lloyd (ex-Albion Rovers).

Five minutes later Footscray were back in the goal-grabbing business when Zdravko Lujic hammered in the third.

But there was still one more to come in the second half, and a fine header by Jim Kondarios saw reserve keeper Gary Clayton beaten to seal the game for the Footscray side.



Green Gully's David Smallman (on the ground) loses the ball to Ged Bannon (Juventus), while Graham French watches the outcome.

Heidelberg United took top place in their Ampol Cup group when they beat Morwell Falcons, 2-0, at Olympic Park, last Friday night.

While glamor side, South Melbourne, have struggled to get the ball in the net, the Bergers have got on with the job with Theo Selamides, the former Soccerroo, the human dynamo behind the team.

On Friday, Theo rose to the occasion again. This time he headed in a beautiful cross for Soccerroo striker Gary Cole in the 27th minute to put the Bergers in the lead against their State League opponents.

After the break, Jamie Patton made it 2-0.

South Melbourne had a lucky escape in their Cup tie against Melbourne Croatia.

They escaped with a 2-2 draw and maintained some hope of reaching the semi-finals, providing they overcome Morwell Falcons this Saturday.

Against the run of play, Souths went to the lead a minute before half time with a typical Charlie Egan goal, from a Campbell cross.

Ossie Latif levelled the score in the 48th minute after two attempts in the goalmouth.

Former Soccerroo forward Branco Buljevic revived Souths' hope with a superb header from a brilliant corner by Steve Wooddin.

Geoff Faulkner grabbed the equaliser seconds before full time with a powerful shot from outside the area.

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Green Gully, and their supremo Len McKendry, can consider themselves unlucky not to have pulled off the shock of the Cup series when they drew 2-2 with Preston.

Lady Luck had deserted them. But their effort in leading the National League side 2-0 until the

dying minutes of the game deserve a big ovation. Preston hit back with fury. And they can thank the hard working Doug Brown and Gary Ward for not suffering the embarrassment of going down to a team in a minor league.

The man of the match in my book was Gully's dynamic striker, Peter Lewis. Why he hasn't been snapped up by some NSL club I'll never know.

All credit to Preston for their fighting spirit. Their coach, Peter Orlerton, must have had some anxious moments when his side was trailing 2-0. But Brown never let him down.

The Box Hill coach's argument has been strengthened by Victorian State coach Tim White who criticised Scheinflug last week for the choice of de-



Andy Hughes of Box Hill, one of the prominent Victorian State League players.

Roodhouse wants to prove it...

By Peter Desira

Box Hill defender Ian Roodhouse has got a point to prove to national coach Les Scheinflug this coming season.

The 18-year-old was labelled "not ambitious enough" after knocking back a chance to join the Australian Youth squad for a training camp at the end of the National Youth Championship in May and he has been overlooked ever since.

But Roodhouse has since explained he was unable to take the extra time off from work as his job was under threat and his refusal had nothing to do with lack of ambition.

The youngster has now sorted out his personal problems and is more than determined to prove he wants to get ahead in the game.

Already his defensive qualities have attracted a bid from National League club Heidelberg and Box Hill may find it hard to hold on to his services for much longer.

"He plays well in every back four position and I'm even considering using him in midfield. But of course he's at his best at full-back," said Box Hill coach Bill Murray.

"He has got great defensive skills. Apart from winning balls all the time he has got this inbred ability to read dangerous situations and to get in positions to cut out the danger. It's something I've not seen any other defender able to do so well."

"I'd say he is ready to take on any challenge even at National League level although I'm hopeful we can keep him at Box Hill for at least another year."

The Box Hill coach's argument has been strengthened by Victorian State coach Tim White who criticised Scheinflug last week for the choice of de-

fenders he took with him to Costa Rica for the World Youth Championship play-off series.

"I read somewhere that Les wasn't happy with his defence but I'm surprised he is complaining when he took only five defenders with him," White said.

"What's more, four of the five are central defenders and Ralph Maier, who has been playing at right-back is normally a midfielder with Newcastle."

"If Roodhouse hasn't earned a spot in the squad I'll eat my hat."

The young defender played a big part in Box Hill's promotion from the Metropolitan League and figures prominently in Murray's plans for the coming season.

The coach has been in close touch with Box Hill officials to map out plans for the club's re-entry in the State League.

"I do want to strengthen the squad and we've got our sights on one or two locals but financially we might find it hard to compete with other clubs to make local signings," Murray said.

"Our best shot appears to be bringing players from overseas and we've already got one from UK in mind."

"But all our young lads who did so well in the first division will get a chance to prove their capabilities in the State League."

If Murray sticks to his word, Box Hill will be the youngest side in the top league — since the average age is 23, and that includes veteran keeper Graham Morgan, 40, and centre-back Don Brownlie who is in his mid-30s.

"Age will not make the slightest bit of difference. I believe the players have grown and are seasoned enough to take on any challenge," the coach said confidently.

Victoria Villiers' Volleys

By Fred Villiers

Real Victorian...

Victorian soccer administration is what it is — Victorian in every sense of the word.

The State League in their wisdom is allowing four players from the four National League clubs — South Melbourne, Heidelberg, Preston and Footscray — to have dual registration.

This means they'll be able to play in NSL as well as State League games this year.

I've never heard of such a backward step in the round-ball game.

When will our small officials wake up! This is not forward planning. It's a backward step. How will State League soccer ever progress unless it competes against better class opposition?

The small-minded State League clubmen say they'll get thrashed. So what! Won't it make them try harder and recruit better quality players if they do?

To allow four players with dual league permits is a step in the right direction but I disagree with the whole thing.

What soccer needs in Victoria, and in Australia for that matter, is less restrictions and players of better quality to keep the State Leagues in this country alive.

All restrictions should be removed in '83 and the National League clubs should be allowed a free flow of players.

Surely the game can't allow NSL players to sit on the bench and get splinters in their bums this season.

Why not play them?

Our little pint-sized club officials should know by now that their responsibility is to the public and the game. Not to their own ego and community pride.

Frankston's worries

Frankston City is alleged to owe the Victorian Soccer Federation \$870 in affiliation fees.

Unless the fees are paid within seven days, Soccer House is likely to charge the former State League club with misconduct.

This will mean the Bayside club will be expelled from all VSF competitions if found guilty by the investigation and disciplinary committee.

Hellenic Cup

Four teams — Hawthorn, Western Suburbs, South Oakleigh and Clifton Hill — have won their way through to the Hellenic Cup quarter finals, at Port Melbourne ground, next

Sunday.

Results: Western Suburbs 3, AEP Melbourne 0; Kooyong Rangers 0 Clifton Hill 2; Apollo 0 Hawthorn 5; Northcote City 0 South Oakleigh 7.

Malcolm moves

Frankston Pines' ace sharpshooter, George Malcolm, has signed for Mor-dialloc, one of the Metropolitan League's Greek sponsored teams. The same club last season had Footscray keeper, Dennis Bolland, on loan for a couple of games.

Appointments

Fred Brooks, the well-known Victorian youth coach, reports that Tommy Newbiggin has taken over Victoria's Under 15 squad after a disappointing 1982 season. Tommy will be pulling out all stops this year for a big improvement, says Fred.

The Under 13 state coach is Alan Gentry, the former Juventus player and successful 1981 Under 13 coach. Alan returns after a year's break and is looking forward to the challenge of repeating his 1981 success.

Last year's Under 13 coach, Alan Alexander, will take on the Under 14s. Alan's squad who did well to finish runners-up in the championships after losing their goalkeeper the day of departure, will be looking to win the Under 14 title.

Tim White, State director, will be in charge of the Under 16s. This is the squad that has lost only one game in the national championships in the last three years and were winners of the inaugural Trans Tasman Trophy in New Zealand.

With one championship and two runners-up credits, Tim will be all out to make it two-all.

Women's games

The Victorian Women's Soccer Association are holding a five-a-side competition on Sundays at YW-CA, Essex Street, Footscray. Admission 30 cents. Doors open 12 noon.

Picnic

South Melbourne will hold their annual picnic at Peninsula Gardens, Rosebud, on Sunday, February 13, at 10 am. There will be junior games, competitions and a barbecue.

Ampol Cup

Next Ampol Cup games at Olympic Park, Melbourne, will be on Friday, February 11. Preston v Juventus, 7.30 pm; Footscray v Green Gully, 9 pm. The following day, Saturday, two more Ampol Cup games will be played at Olympic Park. South Melbourne Hellas v Morwell Falcons, 7.30 pm; Heidelberg United v Melbourne Croatia, 9 pm.

Goalie moving

Ringwood City are losing Ken Barclay, their Northern Ireland goalkeeper. Ken, who represented Northern Ireland in their World Cup qualifying match against Bulgaria in 1979, is looking for a new club. He is 39 and has played 12 European Cup matches for Linfield. He can be contacted on (03) 879 3386.

Boland returns

Well done Tim White! It's good to see the State director of coaching has recognised the good goal-keeping of Footscray's Dennis Boland at long last.

Dennis has been included in the Victorian squad to play Queensland, in Brisbane, on February 20. Boland replaces Steve Potter, of Preston, who is still overseas on holiday.

There is no doubt Boland is one of the best keepers in Australia and he is long overdue for a State cap.

South Melbourne's Steve Blair and Alan Davidson have been replaced because of their commitment to the national team. Their places will be taken by Keith Adams (Melbourne Croatia) and Ian Dobson (Croydon City).

The match will be the first between the two states for 19 years!

Tront skipper

Long-serving Joe Tront has been named captain of Ringwood City Wilhelmina. Mike deBruyckere is re-appointed coach with Cor Teew as his assistant.

Club boss John Van Hoboken predicts experienced forward players Brian Thom, utility David Brooks and Tront, will have a good season this year.

In practice games right back Brian Caddle is showing up well and so too are youngsters Barry Burton and Mick Crozier.

The club is going Dutch with the signing of keeper Rick Janssen, 17, from Croydon, centre half David deKort, 17, and midfielder Guy Bakker, 17.

Striker Steve Reed was the reserves top scorer last season but he is now starring in his new role as centre back.

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SINGLE SHOTS

By Peter Desira

Midfielder Nigel Daniels and winger David Perkin, transfer-listed by Morwell Falcons in the close season, may follow former Falcons coach Dave O'Connor to Bell Park.

The pair are long-time mates and have played together at Macclesfield in England and Green Gully before teaming up for the third time at Falcons.

Both are permanent visa players and should have few problems getting a move.

Daniels played in 20 league games for Morwell last year while Perkin scored two goals in eight matches before being sidelined with an ankle injury.

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Andrew Zinni, Juventus' young find of the 1982 season, has returned from a holiday in Italy but may find it hard to regain his place in the side after missing all the pre-season training under new coach John Margaritis.

Zinni has told club officials he kept fit on his vacation by training with the youth team at Roma.

The youngster was rated by Tony Boggi, then Juve's coach, as the most exciting prospect in Victoria.

He scored four goals in 10 league appearances for Juve including two after coming on as substitute against George Cross.

WHO, WHAT, WHERE?

By Con Nikolopoulos

Wee Charlie Egan is determined to drag South Melbourne to court, if the club persists with its high demands for his release.

While South have not placed a price tag on Egan, it is believed they will demand well in excess of twenty thousand dollars for his transfer.

Robert Vincent, the former Sunderland midfielder joined Heidelberg United from the Scottish Central League.

Heidelberg coach Ken Morton has very high expectations and predicts a bright future for the new arrival.

Vincent will team up with Spanos, Campbell and Selamidis, in the midfield, at the expense of either Toro, Taylor or Valentine.

South Melbourne right full-back Gerry Bennett is on the market for a club.

Bennett lost his position to Bobby Russell and is looking for a National League team, to continue his career at top level.

South manager Rale Rasic rejected suggestions that Bennett is to be offered to Adelaide City, in exchange for Bobby Russell.

"He is free to go to any club," said Rasic, which is willing to pay South Melbourne the fee stipulated in his contract.

At long last, Youth International Oscar Crino has got the green light from his Hong-Kong team, Tung Sing, to play for South Melbourne.

Crino has been training with South Melbourne the last two months, but his club refused to allow him to partake in any games.

Tung Sing has demanded 12,000 for his release.

Heidelberg coach Ken Morton has confronted a lot of opponents in his long career, but none of them managed to scare the lion-hearted Englishman.

Last week, however, an unexpected confrontation scared the living daylights out of him.

Morton was wondering in the hallway of his motel, when an armed bandit burst in through the main door and headed towards the office.

Ironically, it was Morton's second last day in the motel. Having spent the first few weeks in the motel, he had secured accommodation for his family in a private home and was preparing for the move.

"I wish I had moved out to the street," he repeats. "I would have avoided the run of my life."

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Kondarios still key to Footscray hopes

By Peter Desira

Whether the players realise it or not, there are bound to be big changes in the Footscray line-up by the time the new season rolls in.

New coach Bobby McLachlan accepted the job on the understanding that he gets a free hand with his recruiting and restructuring of the side.

That will mean the end of the eye-catching European-style football that has become a trademark of Footscray but which has rarely produced anything except heartache at the end of the past four seasons with the club barely escaping the drop on each occasion.

In its place will come McLachlan's brand of direct football and several new faces acquired from the coach's shrewd dealings in the local transfer market and from the many contacts he has overseas.

But one player who will definitely stay on is veteran centre-back Jim Kondarios.

McLachlan builds his team around the central players in each of three departments - defence, midfield, and attack.

Kondarios is the perfect answer to the backline problem. He is a commanding centreback who never shirks a tackle, is dominant in the air and unlike several of the squad is prepared to do his fair bit of shouting to gee up those around him.

The defender has experience and, indeed, played a big part in staving off relegation for the past four seasons, so he is immune to pressure and is the man with a cool head on his shoulders whom McLachlan will look to to settle his back four.

The only drawback against Kondarios is his age. He is now in the early 30s and apart from having to work extra hard to maintain his fitness he is a lot more susceptible to injuries as the three-week lay off midway through last year proved.

Newcomers

The two other key players for McLachlan will be newcomers Gus MacLeod

and Graham Tutill. MacLeod has followed the coach across from Green Gully.

He is now 35 and lacks a bit of pace.

But his qualities as leader and motivator on the park far outweigh the drawbacks and the Scottish giant is bound to prove good value for the £3000

odd spent for his transfer even if he lasts only one season.

Already in the Ampol Cup, MacLeod has injected a bit of steel and more than a fair share of encouragement in those around him apart from throwing his own weight around in the penalty area

and finally giving the Footscray midfielders and wingers somebody big to aim their crosses at in the box.

Tutill was another bargain-basement signing having cost only expenses to move across from Frankston City.

Bargain

He has a chequered history in Victorian soccer. George Cross announced well before his arrival from England that he was their new signing but Tutill arrived here as a migrant and had signed no contract with the club.

He trained once with Cross but chose to live on the eastern side of town and decided instead to join relatives at a Provisional League club, Cranbourne - some five divisions down from State League.

Frankston City snapped him up for £1,000 last year and he was their best player in an unsuccessful bid to avoid the drop. The club was in financial trouble and failed to meet commitments to a number of players including Tutill.

He was one of several taking the club to the tribunal seeking a free release for breach of contract but Footscray came to an agreement to take over his contract for expenses only.

That is the background with which Tutill arrives at Footscray. He has not trained for three months but even so McLachlan included him in the squad for the Ampol Cup and sent him on as substitute against Preston in the opening game of the competition.

Significantly Footscray had more of the play and should have won the match after he came on and McLachlan planned to use him from the start in later matches.

"Graham did quite well when he came on and bringing him in from the start, will give me a number of ways to play the game."

"I don't know how long he'll last in his condition but he is prepared to play and fight for the club which is more than a number of other players are prepared to do."

South start big bargain sale

Now that Rale Rasic has all but completed his recruiting campaign for the 1983 season, it seems logical that he will start off-loading some of the surplus talent he has at Middle Park.

The South Melbourne coach refuses to place anyone on the transfer list but that doesn't mean he won't accept offers for a number of players as he needs to refill the club's coffers before the start of the league campaign.

The first to go will be Gerry Bennett who has a maximum transfer of £5000 stipulated in his contract.

That makes him an acceptable target for most State League clubs but the one leading the chase is Morwell Falcons.

The Latrobe Valley club is in a panic after losing its two main full-backs, David Neill and Grant Smart, in a matter of days.

Neill has given up the sport after becoming a convert to the Baptist church. His new beliefs are that Sundays should be devoted to prayer not spent playing soccer.

Smart left on Sunday for a six-week holiday in Scotland.

George Cross is also interested in Bennett but the full-back is likely to decide against such a move.

Other players who might be allowed to go by South are not as obvious but three of them with an even chance are Stevenson, Branko Buljevic and even George Campbell.

Campbell and Buljevic are left-sided players, an area of the park where Rasic is overloaded.

Two of his recruits, Ken Murphy and Steve Woodin, play on the left side of midfield and the forward line so it seems natural

they will get priority over Campbell and Buljevic who occupied the spots previously.

Both "Buljo" and wee Georgie are making Rasic's decision a lot more difficult.

Buljevic is a loyal Rasic disciple from the 1974 Socceroo days so it won't be easy for the coach to part with him, while Campbell has been jumping out of his skin in practice matches and has scored a number of goals.

John Stevenson has worked hard and lost around 1.5 stone since being given the chance to re-establish himself by Rasic but if and when Oscar Crino's clearance comes through from Hong Kong.

It's almost certain that Rasic will go for the young Socceroo to provide the mobility and creativity in midfield.

One coach waiting for developments must be Preston's Peter Orlerton who could easily find a spot in his side for Campbell.

Stevenson might seem an attractive proposition for Footscray coach Bobby McLachlan providing the price is right for the extremely money-conscious set-up at Schintler Reserve.

— Peter Desira



"But no ref is going to allow a wall like that."



Jim Kondarios



Bruno Cozzella

Confidentially...

After a couple of years out of the game, coach Brian Williamson is keen to make a comeback.

Williamson has bought a house in Sydney's western suburbs and can be contacted on 371 1251.

A former Leeds United goalkeeper, Brian played in the great Leeds side of Bobby Collins, Billy Bremner, Johnny Giles and Jackie Charlton.



With former Australian skipper Peter Wilson now toying with thoughts of a comeback, there is no doubt that Leichhardt would welcome him back.

"The door is always open for Peter," said the club's Soccer boss Renato Orsatti.

Even is Wilson's achilles tendon doesn't allow him to

play again, Leichhardt would like him to coach youngsters.

But the big man lives and works in Wollongong and, with jobs so precious in the steel city, he will not settle in Sydney.

Two Sydney brothers, Con and George Triantafyllou, are in Greece hoping to get fixed up with clubs.

Con was a youth player with Sydney City in 1979 and 1980 before joining Arncliffe Scots in the State League. George played with PSL club Leichhardt in the Youth competition.

John Karaspiros is training with Sydney Olympic and hoping to win a first team spot in defence.

Coach Tommy Docherty wants to see the player performing before signing him.

Karaspiros was given a run in an Australian squad four years ago but was obviously shot into that class too early.

He was transferred from Sydney Olympic to Canterbury in the NSW State League and then travelled to Europe for trials with Greek clubs.

Clearly, Karaspiros has packed plenty into a short career... he's still only 22.

Dermot Buckley, 35, is looking for a coaching pos-

ition. He played semi-professionally in the UK and Perth, obtained his FA Coaching Certificate in 1975 and has since coached in the UK, South Africa and Western Australia. His phone number is 969 6048.

Wollongong City striker Phil O'Connor has been given a nickname — "Bluey".

The title was bestowed on him by team-mate Glenn Fontana after O'Connor recently became an Aussie.

Although he was eligible to play for Australia previously, O'Connor only recently went through the naturalisation ceremony.

Fontana has told coach Willie Wallace, O'Connor will change his pre-match meal for away games this season.

"You can now order Vegemite sandwiches for him," Fontana said.

Wolves' midfielder Alan Waldron almost made the Manchester City senior squad during a visit to Maine Road recently.

Waldron, who arrived in Wollongong last season via Hong Kong, spent most of the off-season in England and trained with Manchester City.

City manager John Bond had a number of senior players on the injury list and asked Waldron if he would stand by to join the first team squad.

Eventually he wasn't re-

quired and returned to Wollongong to be sent off in the opening match of the super challenge series against St George.

For once, the ASF and NSL have done the right thing.

The evening before the West Nally arranged press conference, they called all the 16 clubs together for a briefing.

Ron Greenwood's "appointment" as assistant to Les Scheinflug for the Australia v England matches has caused many caustic comments.

"It's something like Bill Hayden acting as advisor to Malcolm Fraser," said one observer.

St. George manager Frank Arok's daughter, Marianne, is on visit here from Yugoslavia along with her new husband. On their return they will live in Dubrovnik.

Marketing whiz-kid Peter Sheehan, now the Commercial Manager of the ASF, is likely to assume the title of Chief Executive of the National League.

Olympic coach Tommy Docherty left for England suddenly last week.

But he'll be back: he was rushed there to do a TV show.

No funny things happened to him on his way to the top

By Andrew Dettre

It's like executing the hangman: the increasingly tough rules stamping out 'import players' to Australia are now being implemented by a former import...

But Stefan Kamasz, the new NSL executive secretary, has several such apparent contradictions about him.

Start with his name: it's believed to be Hungarian — yet his father is Polish, his mother Irish and he was born in Tadcaster, England, not far from Leeds.

Or another: after his playing days, he determined to become a top referee. Instead, he became an administrator, rising in ranks in a mere seven years from the humble treasurer of Maitland to the NSL chair.

Kamasz, 33, is a stocky, well-mannered, alert young man. He dresses conservatively like a Westpac bank executive, speaks a pleasant, North England English and has wine and soccer running in his veins. His previous position was Finance Manager of the classy Hunter Valley winemakers Tyrrells, whom he had joined in 1976 as an accountant.

"I resigned in September because the boss and I couldn't agree on policy," he says. "The boss was also the owner — and a friend. I had no other job lined up, but I still quit, on a matter of principle."

Stefan — and not the Anglicised Stephen or Steven, please — has as good a soccer background as any of our top administrators and probably much better than most.

From 1963 to 1966 he played for the quaintly named Pudsey Juniors, a nursery to Leeds United, then had three years with the senior amateur club Farsley in the Yorkshire League.

While at Pudsey, he was once fielded by Leeds juniors against Grimsby Town, receiving a fee of £1 for his efforts. Half of it he lost playing cards on his way home on the bus.

Migration

It was in 1969 that I received an offer from the Newcastle club Weston, he recalls. "They offered me about \$200 signing on fee and \$20 per match."

More importantly, they also found me accommodation and a job. The fare was free; I came to Australia on an assisted passage, for ten quid. You know the old gag: all the Poms who can't afford a holiday at Brighton go to Aussie for a tenner."

By the time he arrived, he had some impressive qualifications: he was an accountant, with three years practice behind him at Leeds. At Newcastle, he joined another company of public accountants and stayed there until switching to the wine business.

"It was always my secret hope to play pro soccer in England," he admits. "But I never made it further than that one pound match fee..."

So it had to be tiny Weston in the Northern NSW first division where Stefan,

the ASF, a rising star visible to the naked eye.

"Friends asked me to stand for the Northern NSW presidency in 1980," he says. "The president, much older than me, was a friend of mine. So I told him honestly that I intended to run against him because I felt I could do a better job."

Limelight

"Not many people gave me a chance; Newcastle people just don't elect a president at 31. But they elected me: I won hands down."



a midfielder, began to make his mark on Australian soccer. His stay with the club netted him four Grand Final appearances, including one win.

In 1974 he switched to Maitland — but the following year was struck down by nephritis, a kidney disease; a two-year spell from the game followed.

"I'm OK now, using no drugs at all," he said, "but have to be careful with things like flu and cold. I cannot ride them on foot. I must have a rest to avoid a flare-up."

His career ended with Cessnock in 1978 — and a premiership win. Then he began to drift towards coaching and refereeing.

His all-absorbing interest also drew him into the circle of administrators. By 1975 he was treasurer of Maitland and four years later treasurer of the NSW Federation and delegate to

It was from then on that Stefan Kamasz began to get his share of the national limelight. In 1981 he was chairman of the Newcastle Committee of the World Youth Cup and helped to outshine all other cities in the efficiency of the match stagings.

Last year he became a member of the PSL sub-committee and then, towards the end of the year, he was Australian team manager of the national side at the Merlion tournament in Singapore.

Stefan lives at Killara, on Sydney's leafy North Shore, with his Australian wife Terri-Anne and three daughters aged two and six.

"I'm really enjoying this job at the NSL," he says. "I can see the possibilities and the potential."

"Frankly, it'll take me a bit of time to sort out things which I inherited but then I'll devote much of my time to advance planning."

From Tom Anderson in Costa Rica

In their last match, Australia scored a decisive 3-0 win over Costa Rica at the national stadium at San Jose.

Australia badly needed more goals and had the opportunities but for once both strikers, David Lowe and Rodney Brown were off their game.

Lowe scored a double but frequently ran the ball too far, while Brown was rarely on target when within scoring range.

Costa Rica opened sharply and took the offensive away from Australia with their best display so far in the series.

In the 23rd minute, Costa Rica missed a chance in succession when a bad backpass drew keeper Chris Hummel out of his goal.

Lowe scored from a penalty in the 30 minute after Costa Rica defender Luis Orozco handled the ball.

Five minutes later, Jim Patikas beat two defenders, chipped the ball over the head of another and pushed his pass to Danny Wright who made it 2-0.

Australia had to withstand a spirited attack by the Costa Ricans in the first 15 minutes of the second half, in which Patikas received a yellow card.

A move involving four players in the 60 minute

led to the third goal when Roy Jones swung a long ball infield to Brown, who headed on to Fabio Incantalupo.

Incantalupo speed down the left flank, crossed to Lowe, who chested the ball down and then calmly slipped it past the advancing keeper.

The Australians tired in the last few minutes and chances went begging.

Patikas was again a marked man and finished with a chipped tooth. His midfield grafting and the calmness of Tommy McCulloch at sweeper were the two main saviors of Australia.

Costa Rica were more impressive than in their earlier matches.

Two days earlier, the Young Socceroos took revenge in Israel for their first round defeat by trouncing them 2-1.

This was a rugged encounter: Israel couldn't have been putting up a more bitter resistance had they been defending the Golan Heights.

Australia won on all counts: we scored more goals and Israel had more players sent off...

The Socceroos hit the lead in the 11th minute when Rod Brown blasted home a rebound.

Two wins for happy ending

Before haltime, Brown missed a sitter and then an apparently valid penalty claim by the Aussies was turned down by the referee from Uruguay.

Then came Israel's equaliser, a cleverly taken freekick by Yigal Meneham that curled over goalie Chris Hummel's head.

The winning goal came in the 75th minute. Jim Patikas broke on the left, left his challengers behind him and slipped the ball to David Lowe to ram it home.

Australia's Frank Farina and Israel's Uriel Usan were involved in an incident before the restart: Usan bit Farina's finger who, in turn flattened him. Early showers for both.

Israel's captain Mordechai Iwanir followed soon for persistent protests to the referee. But the remaining 19 players fought on.

Three more Israelis were booked for fouls or dissent: referee Jose Bazan was collecting names like an autograph hunter.

Then the match was

over, with Australia's hopes still alive.

The two teams returned to their shared hotel with anything but brotherly love towards one another.

Soccer, even at youth level, is a serious business.

Israel held

Costa Rica held Israel to a 0-0 draw on Monday — ensuring Australia's qualification for the finals in Mexico.

Israel, without three of their key players out with suspension, couldn't break through the stubborn local defence.

This was the first point Costa Rica earned in this tournament.

However, for Australia this has been the most valuable point for many years.

The Young Socceroos, playing in a curtain-raiser, lost 2-1 to local professional club Deportivo Saprissa.

But who cares; the big celebration came anyway when Israel faltered at the last hurdle.

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NEWCASTLE

By Myles Hay

Next Saturday (February 12), Australia will play a match against Newcastle K.B. at the International Sports Complex at 5.30pm.

The match will be sponsored by the NBN Channel 3 network as part of their drive for their "Cancer Appeal".

Brian Emery, ASF secretary-manager announced the Australian squad today. It is: M.Crooke, B. James, B. Russell, D. Ratcliffe, A. Niven, A. Bertogna, A. Davidson, T. Henderson, S. Blair, R. Wheatley, P. Katholos, P. Raskopoulos, G. Christopoulos, G. Byrne, P. O'Connor, J. Kosmina, D. Mitchell, M. Jankovic, T. Brennan, G. Cole, M. Soper.

The popular Newcastle K.B. coach, Kenny Kaiser, also released his squad this week.

The squad is: C. Gosling, N. Endacott, H. Tredinnick, C. Mason, J. Senkalski, P. Burke, G. Watson, R. Maier, N. Drysdale, B. Kerby, B. Gemmell, B. Mountford, I. Buckley and D. Jones.

The average age of the K.B. squad this year will be 22 years and of the 15 members, eight players are local products.



AMONG THE GIRLS

—with Don Balmain

Tour of Hawaii

With Australia's involvement in the women's Oceania group of soccer players, the sporting calendar will be full of overseas tours this year.

The national team leaves for Hawaii in March to undertake a 10-day tour there.

Although the Australian girls will not be coming up against the Hawaiian national side, they will play some stiff opposition with one of the team being very successful in the Royal Hawaiian tournament in 1982.

During their five-match tour, our national side will play against two top club teams and will compete three times against high class combined Hawaiian combinations.

Already there is a group of women soccer players taking part in a series of games in the United States.

This group, which was privately funded, is not officially recognised by the AWSA as a touring team, although it includes re-

presentative State and Australian players.

Immediately after the national titles, which will be held in Perth, WA, the Australian side will be away again to compete in the inaugural Oceania Cup for women.

This tournament will be held in conjunction with the second Oceania Conference in Suva, Fiji.

The girls will leave for this competition on September 19 for a 10-day stay.

During this time, they will meet Fiji, Papua New Guinea, New Caledonia, New Zealand and possibly Taiwan.

Another competition that has created a lot of interest will be held for the second time in October. It is the South-Pacific New Caledonian Cup for clubs.

Girls from the Gladesville-Hornsby Association, a Sydney based organisation, took part in the first tournament and brought the Cup home.

Lal Byers, coach of the side, said that he was sur-

prised at the playing standard of the Noumean team.

Their first game was played in the magnificent Magenta national stadium on a tropical evening with an almost capacity crowd.

Leigh Wardell, a leading Australian player for many years, was the darling of the crowd which was chanting her name each time she took the field.

Wardell was named the player of the series. She was asked to stay behind to coach the national side.

The games will be held on a 'pools' system with the winner of each pool going through to the final.

As referees are expected to be fully utilised, competing teams are asked to bring a qualified referee with them.

The Australian team to visit in Hawaii has been selected.

The squad is:— K. Coates and A. Martin (Vic.); T. McMahon, J. Dolan, R. Iserif, (Nthn. NSW); J. Porter, (NSW); C. Grims, (SA); J. Stott, J. Pettitt, S. Loveless, (WA); K. Millman, M. Sawyers, S. Wass, J. Millman, S. Monteath and L. Priestley (Qld).

Q'land's collision course with ASF

The Queensland Soccer Federation is preparing for a head-on confrontation with the Australian Soccer Federation over the scheduling of friendly internationals against New Zealand on the same week as the QSF Centenary match against Victoria.

Australia plays the Kiwis in Auckland on February 22 and again five days later in Melbourne. Queensland is due to meet Victoria at Perry Park on February 20.

Four Players — Queensland's Alan Niven and Victoria's Gary Cole, Alan Davidson and Steve Blair, — were originally named in their State squads for the Centenary match but now have been included in the national team which goes into camp in Sydney on February 9.

Queensland officials are claiming the international matches were arranged with total disregard for the QSF Centenary as the ASF was notified 12 months ago of the date for the interstate match.

The QSF, after receiving no satisfaction from several reportedly heated phone calls to the ASF Sydney office, now intends to raise the matter at the February

5 ASF Council meeting and will use all avenues possible to push for an alteration to the international fixtures.

It is understood Queensland will ask for a switching of the matches so the two countries clash first in Melbourne on February 27 then go to New Zealand for the return. The States would then seek to have their national players released for the interstate game.

Queensland also intends pointing out to the National League that its other Centenary interstate clash — against New South Wales at Perry Park on May 8 — will go ahead despite a full round of NSL matches being scheduled for that weekend.

"We will not be ignored. Everyone was notified well in advance and reminded several times since that this is our Centenary year — and we intended staging interstate matches," a QSF official said.

"The Centenary is an excellent opportunity to promote the code throughout the State and the interstate clashes have been billed as two of the highlights of the year. We de-

mand that every State has the chance to field its full-strength side."

Queensland has not staged a full interstate match since it drew 2-2 with NSW in 1978. The last match against Victoria was in Brisbane in 1964 when the home side won 4-3.

But QSF officials were heartened by the response of the other States when the original approaches were made and are confident a return to the old format of interstate fixtures, which proves so successful in other codes, will be supported by the public.



Allan Niven, ace defender for Queensland.

Brisbane ready for Victorians

by John Economos

The Queensland Soccer Federation has challenged the Victorian State side to a match that has been set down for Sunday, February 20 at Perry Park.

Queensland first clashed with Victoria way back in 1952 and were thrashed by the Victorians 6-2.

However, in the return match the same year, the Queenslanders hit back with a brilliant 2-1 win to balance the "interstate ledger" for 1952.

In matches played since over the years, the two States have met on 12 occasions with the Queenslanders winning five of them and the Victorians seven.

The two States last met in 1964 in Brisbane where the "maroons" defeated Victoria 4-3.

The Queensland Soccer Federation has appointed as State coach, the former Pan Hellenic star and NSW Rothermans Medal winner, Bruce Stowell.

Stowell has announced his State training squad already, but with the following proviso: players in the training squad have been told that their selections were based on last year's form and any player who does not come up to expectations will be replaced.

Stowell has said: "This match against Victoria is very important for me and to those players I have selected, as well as for the Queensland Federation for the opening match in their Centenary Year."

"Therefore the public can expect a bold showing from all associated with the Queensland team."

The Queensland State training squad is: Tony Scanlan (Brisbane Lions), Greg Marshall (Brisbane Lions), Steve Perry (Brisbane City), Col Bennett (Brisbane Lions), Alan Niven (Brisbane Lions), Frank Pimblett (Brisbane City), Frank Liddell (Brisbane City), Russell Stewart (Mt Gravatt), David Costa (Mt Gravatt), Willie Connor (Brisbane City), Danny Wright (Brisbane Lions), Stephen Glockner (Brisbane City), Frank Farina (A.I.A.), Jeff Dann (Ipswich United), Phil Thompson (Eastern Suburbs).

The Queensland squad will train every Monday night at Perry Park.

Canberra Snubs ACT League

By Steve Burns

The NSW Southern League, one of the most promising developments in regional soccer, has been torpedoed by ACT clubs.

All but one of them — Downer Olympic — have failed to complete formal re-application forms sent to them by the NSW Soccer Federation.

And all ACT clubs who competed in the Southern League — including Downer Olympic and Queanbeyan club, Queanbeyan Macedonia — have applied and been formally re-admitted to the ACT Football League.

"Clubs like Juventus, Croatia and Downer-Olympic will now no doubt begin immediately to strengthen their ACT squads," President of the ACT Soccer Federation, Roger Grylls, said this week.

"We will have a strong 12-club competition in all grades."

"However, it will also mean a great deal of player shedding."

"I'm hopeful that some of the less strong clubs may be helped by this."

Here, of course, lies one of the fundamental reasons for the formation of the Southern League.

However, the possibility of the ACT Football League expanding to 14 clubs is still a possibility.

Former Southern League clubs like Griffith-based Yoogali and Harwood are still contemplating their future.

Welcome

It has been suggested that they could apply to play in Canberra.

If they did their applications would be accepted.

Both are strong and progressive clubs with ample financial backing, quite capable of competing with even the strongest of the Canberra clubs.

However, Griffith soccer fans have never forgotten the treatment meted out years ago to Griffith United when, in its second year in the ACT competition, it took the title and then failed to re-gain entry in the third year.

Why? Because ACT clubs did not like the expense of travelling to Griffith.

his is part of the reason why the Southern League failed, another being the view held by some Canberra clubs that they shouldn't lose moneys, while country clubs built up their playing strength and financial resources.

Another criticism was the lack of promotion of the Southern League.

But for 1983 the League had sponsorship from Attack sportswear and the

matter of promotion could surely have been overcome.

However, now the Southern League is all but history.

It has not been formally abandoned. That is up to the NSW Soccer Federation, but there appears only the remotest of chances that it will continue this year.

Even if it does it will certainly be without the presence of ACT clubs.

Boogaard is ready

By Myles Hay

If any of the recognised Newcastle first team defenders falls from grace, former Lake Macquarie and Maitland sweeper Michael Boogaard is waiting to snap up his chance in top grade.

Boogaard, 22, had an outstanding season with Lakes and was mainly responsible for the side's high position.

Known in the past for his rugged defence which often involved "take 'em dead or alive" tactics, Boogaard was a model of consistency last year and he was seen as the pacifying influence during on-field disturbances, a sign that maturity had reached him.

Not that he tries to avoid strong physical challenges which are part of his natural game, but a new defensive awareness will make him a first team challenger.



Where is Newcastle's fiery redhead, Malcolm McClelland?

No sign of him at pre-season training and it is understood that he is in South Africa on a touring holiday.

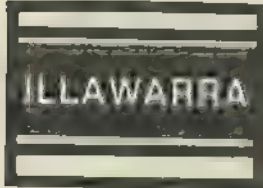
McClelland is not due back in Newcastle until late in February and he could be struggling for a place in the first team squad.

John Sneddon will be missing from the Newcastle backline this season.

The big-hearted defender has decided to bow out of National League soccer and return to West Wallsend, the club he served so well.

He will complete an experienced defence which includes former Australian international Colin Curran.

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Talented West-Figtree goalkeeper Kel Potter has hung up his boots — or has he?

Potter has announced his retirement after helping the team to win both the league and Cup last season.

The previous season Potter also announced his retirement but was talked into a comeback.

He will be 31 this season and that isn't old for a goalkeeper — particularly one of Potter's ability.

Previously with Bulli and Fairy Meadow Potter was without doubt the top keeper in premier league last season.

With talk of his replacement Phil Luskin also leaving the club, the goalkeeping position will pose big problems for officials.

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Next time you are abusing a referee, spare a thought for Mario Mastroianni.

He is one of Illawarra's top whistlers and controlled last season's premier league grand final and replay.

Mastroianni spent a lot of his time in the off-season helping a very worthy cause — the School for Deaf and Blind Children at North Rocks.

For the fourth year in a row he organised the seven-a-side knockout at Kelly Park, raising \$1000 for the youngsters.

The knockout attracted 64 teams and was a big success.

Mastroianni, along with other referees from Wollongong, have been getting plenty of experience in Sydney in recent seasons.

Although forced to control lower grade games to start off the Wollongong referees have proved themselves and gradually worked up to a higher standard.

From what we have seen of some Sydney referees controlling first division games involving Fairy Meadow and Wollongong United, the locals have a lot going for them.

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Sheilharbour winger Ron van der Voorde is a man for all seasons.

No sooner did the soccer season end on a gloomy note for him (his team lost the grand final replay 1-0 to Figtree) than he heard he had been selected in the NSW Country surf team to tour New Zealand.

Van der Voorde only returned to surfing last year after a break away from the sport to concentrate on soccer.

Some of the fullbacks he beats with his speed on the soccer field wouldn't like to be chasing him along a beach.

Premier clubs upset with draw

By Greg Russell

The Queensland Soccer season kicks off this week with the first matches in the pre-season tournament at Perry Park.

The tournament involves the 12 clubs in the QSF's new Premier League, although the two National League clubs which also field teams in the Premier League have been permitted to field their strongest sides.

The tournament is being conducted as part of the \$200 000 sponsorship QSF president Ald. Ian Brusasco secured from local brewers, Castlemaine Perkins, late last year.

The sponsorship is over a five-year period with a stipulation of a pre-season tournament at Perry Park each season.

It will be the first pre-season tournament ever run by the QSF and staged totally at Perry Park.

The format of the competition, which has four groups of three teams, has come under some criticism though, with smaller clubs claiming the draw is heavily in favor of the two national teams City and Lions are in opposite halves of the draw and grouped with former first division sides.

Some clubs have also claimed that because each team plays the other two in its group only once, if the first match is lost, the team has no chance of winning the group.

The QSF has answered the critics by saying to run the tournament any other way would have taken too much time.

The full draw is: Group A Lions, North Star, Eastern Suburbs; Group B (Mount Gravatt, Olympic United, Acacia Ridge); Group C (Brisbane City, Taringa Rovers, Sunnyside United); Group D (Ipswich United, Valley Trident, Grange Thistle).

The schedule of matches, with kick-off times at 6.30 and 8.30 pm, will be:

Wednesday, February 9
Mount Gravatt v Olympic,
Lions v North Star

Friday, February 11
Brisbane City v Taringa,
Ipswich v Valley Trident

Wednesday, February 16:
North Star v Easterns,
Olympic v Acacia Ridge

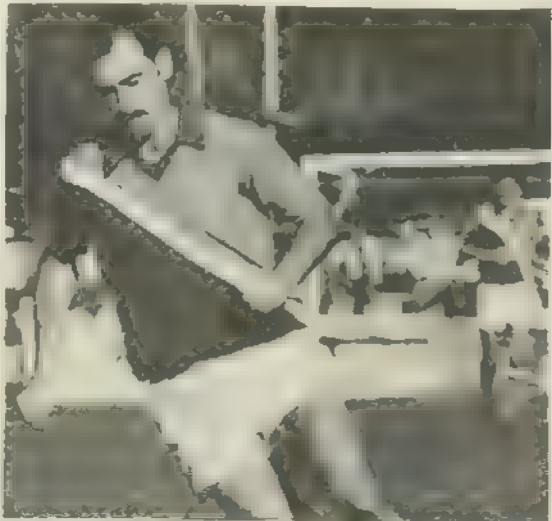
Wednesday, February 23:
Taringa v Grange Thistle

Friday, February 25:
Lions v Easterns, Mount Gravatt v Acacia Ridge.

Wednesday, March 2:

Stowell has settled quickly into his new job as Queensland Director of Coaching and is working feverishly to prepare a State side for the February 20 clash against Victoria at Perry Park.

Stowell's biggest problem is that he knows very little of the local players and has been holding training nights on Mondays



Williamson, Lions

Ipswich v Grange Thistle,
Brisbane City v Sunnyside
Prizemoney is: First — \$3000; Second — \$1500; Third — \$1000; Fourth \$500

New coach

Brisbane's Croatian Soccer Club, Sunnyside United, who won the Australian Croatian Cup last season, have appointed a new coach.

He is Jerzy Strackiw, who coached Wisla Krakow in the 1970's.

Strackiw has been a refugee in Austria for the past few years and was brought to Australia through contacts made by Sunnyside's Polish goalkeeper Joe Sikorski.

Sunnyside beat South Sydney Croatia 3-0 on penalties in the final of the Croatian Cup, staged in Brisbane. Sikorski saved the Sydney team's first three shots.

State squad

Former Pan Hellenic and Blacktown player Bruce

and last week organised a trial game for his squad, which was picked for Stowell by previous State coach Fred Robins and State team manager George Roberts.

The preparations had an early setback when only nine players turned up to the first training session late last month.

Apparently there had been a breakdown in communication somewhere along the line and some players had not been notified and were still on holidays.

Word of the dismal showing was leaked to the media and the QSF was blasted for its disorganised approach to the first interstate clash in five years.

Things were sorted out in a hurry but since then the federation has refused to release an official State squad saying it will be named as the game gets closer.

But it is predictable 90 per cent of the players will come from either City or

Lions. But Stowell is to use the pre-season tournament to view other local talent.

Victoria has named its preliminary squad and on paper Stowell faces a difficult task to secure a victory in what is the first planned activity for the QSF Centenary.

Millman move

Watch for Lions to announce a new overseas signing to replace injured stopper Col Bennett.

Word is the player is a Scottish defender of some note who is keen on the idea of living in Australia.

With Billy Williamson transferring to Brisbane City, the visa place is there for the taking.

Rumors are also rife that Lions veteran striker Ron Millman could be on the move. Millman, who was brought to Lions three years ago by former coach Matt Carson, so far has not figured in any of the plans of new coach Simon Kistemaker.

With Lions keen to sign Alan Marszalek from Ipswich — now coached by Carson — could it be that Millman will go in a direct swap?

Former Australian youth squad member Mark Brusasco, son of QSF President and ASF executive member Ian Brusasco, certainly must be disenchanted with the code.

After spells with Brisbane City in the PSL and Easterns and Ipswich in the State League, Brusasco is on the move again — to Brisbane Rugby Union club Easterns.

Johan Verweij, the New Zealand midfielder-striker, who starred late in the 1981 season for Footscray after an unsuccessful 18 months at Lions, is back at the Brisbane club after 12 months back in the shakies playing for Christchurch United.

Verweij believes he might get a more extended first team run under new coach Simon Kistemaker.

eration insist that clubs have their players for the Ampol Cup night series "signed and sealed" one month before the competition starts, thus ensuring full strength teams for the kick-off and top entertainment for the public.

By Tom McKain

Adelaide Ampol Cup

BIG TWO SET TO DOMINATE

By Tom McKain

Adelaide City should confirm their joint favoritism for the Ampol Cup along with West Adelaide, when they take on Beograd at Hindmarsh Stadium tomorrow night (Feb. 9)

West, in Group A, were held 1-1 by Para Hills in the opening round last week, while in Group B, Azzurri thrashed Campbelltown 4-0.

West and City have been seeded as the NSL clubs with officials at Federation Board level hoping they meet in the final to ensure top gate takings.

It worked that way last season when West won the Cup on penalties after a 0-0 draw.

City is already in slight turmoil following the shock resignation of Johnny Perin, one of the co-coaches 11 days before the Ampol campaign.

Bobby Ferguson is now on his own at the helm and while he is a former Scotland and West Ham goalkeeper and qualified coach he has yet to face the "peculiarities" of Aussie soccer on his own.

And unlike West coach Alan Vest, he has not been able to add many players to last year's squad.

So the pressure is going to be on winger Jimmy Wright, signed from West and striker Steve Maxwell, the 18-year-old from Birka.

They will be the only new faces lining up against Beograd as Youth Soccer striker Joe Mullen is still not fully fit after an ankle injury, and is a doubtful starter.

Centre back Neville Flounders will not be back from England until next month and sweeper Neil Banfield, the former England Youth international and star of the team last season, was still in the UK when we went to press.

However, Beograd have made no sensational signings and Ferguson should see his team pick up two points.

In the other match Polonia are favorites to beat Croatia.

Apart from having a settled squad, Polonia coach Dave Jenkins has two new overseas signings in stopper Lajos Banyai from Hungary and Czechoslovakian midfielder Jirous Zdenek.

Both should be fit for tomorrow night although Zdenek, 28, is not as advanced in his training schedule as the 21-year-old Banyai.

Polish import Jan Kierno will again be the star attraction of the team after an impressive Australian de-

bust season last year.

Croatia coach Jack Braidwood was still looking around for players as we went to press but the return of big Robert Marwe from overseas will be a boost.

Para's 1-1 draw with West came as no surprise on opening night.

The state league team had nothing to lose and threw the lot at the Hawks and when Jimmy Mitchell put Para in front in the 13th minute they went into a panic.

Eventually centre back Robbie Dunn raced in to beat Para's offsides trap and hit home a cross from full back Blamey in the 60th minute.

Although West coach Alan Vest was far from delighted, he must have been secretly pleased with the performance of new strikers Walj Bojczuk (Azzurri) and Paul Wormey (Townsville).

Azzurri coasted against Campbelltown and coach Frank Schaper showed he has covered the loss of Bojczuk and Bar with the signing of George Konstandopoulos for the central striking role and the finding of reserve John Batchelor at centre back for big Barrie Smith who has returned to Perth.

AZZURRI v CAMPBELLTOWN 4-0 (2-0)

AZZURRI Michel (Tyerman 55 min) F. Michel, Core, Batchelor, Whitehead (Ader 69 min) Donnelly, Francis Toand, Konstandopoulos Manolev

CAMPBELLTOWN Pi-vetta, Parks, Barendregt, Parsons, Richardson (Webb 64 min) Haliday, Matiscsak, Miller, Edwards, Hag, Matrianni (Chadwick, half time)

GOALS Toand (7 mts), Whitehead (30 mts) Donnelly (55 mts) Konstandopoulos (63 mts)

REFEREE R Kerr Crowd 1500

WEST ADELAIDE v PARA HILLS 1-1 (0-1)

WEST Crook, Totkas McGachey, Dunn, Amey Brennan, Heys, Hon-eyman, Atsalas, Wormley, Bojczuk (Panagis 60 min)

PARA Wood, Ryan, Schache, Gardner, Harvey, Mitchell, Hughes, Tomlinson, Amos, Key, Preston

GOALS Mitchell (13 min) Dunn (60 min.)

REFEREE D. Campbell **CROWD** 1500 Double header

South Australia

Despite rumors West Adelaide coach Alan Vest says he is not signing any overseas players.

"We made our bid for a couple and got nowhere, and I have no plans to bring anyone out to Australia," he said.

Martin Chivers will play in Australia this year.

The former England striker, now running a hotel, has agreed to terms with SA Second Division club Salisbury to play five games.

He will bring his wife and children with him.

We probably never will find out, but we must ask the question.

Why did it take Adelaide City and coach Johnny Perin until 11 days before the club's first game in the Ampol Cup to decide they could not agree on terms for the 1983 season?

Perin, by the way, is open to offers, but is in no hurry to make a move.

We said it last season and we must say it again. Why doesn't the SA Fed-

Western NSW pulls together

Planning to improve the standard of soccer in Western NSW amongst the associations is continuing in spite of the devastating effects of drought.

Wily-ni'ies make their way across the hills, dust storms arise and then blow themselves out, but somehow soccer will continue in the cities, towns and villages.

The problem for some time with soccer's structure was that the association units have been too small.

Some places have only a few teams in a grade and players come up against the same faces regularly.

To change this means extra travel, but many officials believe that when new arrangements begin to work it will very much be for the good of the sport.

Players can work their way through the various grades to senior all-age and the growing Western NSW League.

In some places, such as Forbes and Parkes where the distance between towns is less than 40 kilometres, the combining of Associations should not present too great a problem.

Distances

But there are others where the distances are considerable. Here a deal can be achieved with the co-operation of the clubs.

Under the plan part of the Blue Mountains Association would join up with Bathurst and Lithgow Associations to make one major association.

Not an easy task, but it should be very rewarding for the teams involved.

An association of some 140 teams should result which is likely to be known as "Mitchell".

Clubs further down the Mountains will benefit from a link with Nepean Orange, with over 100

teams in its own right, is likely to stand alone.

Forbes and Parkes combined would have over 70 teams, and that is an excellent position for towns of this size.

The Orange region, with the big City of Dubbo as the centre point, would include Wellington and its delightful riverside grounds and bring about an association of some 140 teams.

Wellington badly needs Dubbo to make it into a really viable unit.

Soccer clubs from towns such as Blayney, Condobolin and Cowra will also have to be brought into the planning and consideration should be given to increasing soccer's presence in Mudgee, Gulgong and Cowra.

It is a very interesting phase of soccer's development and much can be accomplished if a farsighted view is taken.



A recent shot of Pagewood U13 team at a Southern & Eastern Assn match in Sydney.

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Soccer loses a friend

Terry Seacey has left Dunlop Footwear — and that cannot be good news for Soccer.

Seacey has been a great friend to the code for the past three years, playing a major part in his company's sponsorship of soccer at club and international level.

Dunlop has also gained considerably from its close involvement with the game.

"I need a break after putting in as much as 18 hours a day on the job," Terry told ASW. Seacey is also a top referee and he said "I suppose I'm now the only full-time ref in Australia!"



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"But, boss, you can hardly expect a player worth two million quid to go out in the rain."

OLYMPIC'S TOP

The Under 13s, coached by Greg and Paul Ankudinoff, came eighth in their competition.

A number of the boys will be eligible to play in the same grade again in 1983. Jimmy Mellissourgos toured Tasmania in the NSW Under 13 team.

Under 14 was coached by Con Andrews and finished third, only one point behind the winners. S. Chilas and R. Giannetia made the NSW Under 14 team.

The Under 15 team were also coached by the Ankudinoffs and they won their group. C. Kalanizis was a NSW Under 15 representative.

F. Amore was the Under 16 coach and they came second in their group, losing the quarter-final 3-2 to Manly-Warringah.

Goalkeeper Miroslav Marinkov made the State Under 16s, where he proved his worth by saving two penalty-kicks to help his team win the national titles.

KEITH GILMOUR'S JUNIOR SCENE

Dates for Mini-Ampol

R2 SUNDAY FEB. 13

BORONIA ST, ST MARYS

9 30 am: Nepean v St George 10 45am Blacktown v Canterbury

JELICOE PARK

9 30am: Southern & Eastern v Bankstown

PROCTOR PARK BATHURST

12noon: Western NSW v Manly

BALGOWNIE OVAL

10am: Illawarra v Sutherland

ERNIE SMITH RESERVE

10 45am: Southern Dist v Gadesville Ku-ring-gai bye in Pool A Granville bye in Pool B

NO SLEEP FOR THE FLYING DOCTOR!

By David Jack

Tommy Docherty's rush trip to England last week was a jet-lag nightmare.

The Doc flew out of Sydney Wednesday night to appear as a guest on BBC TV's "This is Your Life" on Thursday. His plane was six hours late at London Airport, but with a police escort, he was whisked to the studio just in time.

After his appearance Docherty was again rushed to the airport for the return flight... and was back in Sydney early Saturday morning.

"I explained to BBC viewers that I was travelling on a cheap day return ticket from Australia," cracked The Doc.

It wasn't so cheap for the BBC. They generously

coughed up two first class air tickets for Tommy and Mary Docherty — and that set them back about \$7 000 for the five-minute interview.

By the way the subject of the show was Kenny Dalglish of Liverpool.

LEICHHARDT TO SWITCH

By Keith Gilmour

Leichhardt's \$100,000 bid for a piece of the action at Leichhardt Oval is realistically tuned to meet the circumstances.

The upgrading of the ground was accomplished by a mixture of funds provided by the NSW Government, Leichhardt Municipality and Balmain Leagues Club.

Leichhardt expects to play its home NSL matches at the ground this year.

The \$100,000 would reimburse the Leagues Club for a fair proportion of its outlay, bearing in mind that the soccer club would continue to train at Lambert Park.

The offer is now with the Leagues Club board and there is little doubt the Council believes it should be accepted.

The next move would be for Leichhardt to settle a ground hire fee with Council.

If the switch of grounds comes off — and in all logic it should — then home and visiting fans will be accommodated in top class conditions.

The huge stand, parallel to the field, is very spacious and every outer ground spectator is close to play.

The playing pitch is usually first class, and the ground could hardly be closer to the Apia Club than it is.

Orange was sweet for new coaches

NSW Director of Coaching Eric Arneil was happy with the results of the senior coaching course held in January at the Kinross-Wollar College in Orange.

A total of 38 candidates presented themselves, and amongst them was Allan Bourke, now a senior coach at Bankstown.

Atti Abonyi was present along with the NSW under 16 squad, which gained valuable practice.

Coaches will be observed during the year and will have to attend and pass out from a four-day course next January before they receive their certificates.

Last year \$39,000 was raised by means of a 25c per player levy collected by the NSW Amateur Federation.

This provided the working fund for coaching and it will cover a deal of the 1982/83 activities.

Arneil has prepared a submission to the NSW Dept of Sports and Recreation for a \$15,000-20,000 matching grant for 1983.

Now that Northern NSW has been recognised by the Department for the same purpose it should follow that NSW receives its assistance.

This would enable the work to be extended further during the year.

Certificates

Over 400 attended 12 preliminary certificate courses in 1982, and 175 passes were recorded.

Basic certificates were awarded to 1200 coaches for the two-day course.

Staff coaches travelled 12,000 kms in southern NSW during the year, covering towns such as Tumut, Bega, Temora, Albury, Bathurst, Dubbo, Parkes, Tahmoor and Goulburn.

Such well-known names as Vic Dalgleish, Dennis Ford, Mick Jones, Vic Renkovetsky and the new Queensland Director of

Coaching, Bruce Stowell, were involved.

Arneil, one of the early supporters of the Parklea coaching centre, is lending a hand to prepare four grounds for play.

He anticipates that they will be ready for use for trials later in the year.

He believes that it would have been better to have proceeded with accommodation for players rather than with the gymnasium.

However when accom-

modation is attended to, he feels that the property will start to have real value for the purpose for which it was intended.

It is expected that plans for 1983 coaching courses will be announced about the end of February.

Arneil has been appointed the NSW Amateur's Coaching Director and the position with the NSW Soccer Federation will be dealt with shortly.

SIX-A-SIDE EXPERIMENT

For too long the soccer fraternity has been waiting for the establishment of an off-season player-orientated competition.

A skilled form of soccer featuring short-period games and shortened playing pitches is needed to keep players trim and in touch during the summer.

Rugby League interests successfully launched 'touch football', but soccer has been playing around with the question.

There was the night series at Bankstown Soccer Centre under the management of former referee Frank Sbisa.

Others talked about using major indoor venues for night games.

The only real successes were indoor tournaments conducted mainly in Sydney, Melbourne and Newcastle in venues such as universities, schools and Police Boys clubs.

But indoor soccer failed to provide the real answer, as rules are needed which will enable the game to be played in towns and suburbs where there are no indoor arenas.

Now the people of the Ku-ring-gai and North Sydney areas could have come up with the solution.

Six-a-side competitions are popular in the district, with four divisions of soccer in operation.

The clubs involved are Plavi, Lane Cove United, Greenwich, North Ryde, North Sydney, Epping-Eastwood, Lane Cove West, CFC, Hunters Hill, Chatswood Penetrators, Gordon, Ararat, St Leos and Lindfield.

The main venue is at the popular Gore Creek Reserve at Greenwich.

Small sided games are a success at night at Lower Eastwood Oval.

AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY would be glad to publish the rules and give details of competitions.

This could be the start of something big...



"I want you to take the shortest route possible to their goal — here's a map"

TASMANIAN 'DEVILS'



Olympia turned up trumps in the Tasmanian Soccer Association's under 17 Cup with a 2-1 win over Phoenix Lauderdale in the final at South Hobart.

Verdi would be proud of them

There are up to 2,000 soccer clubs in Australia, with a team content ranging from one lone side to, in one case, over 100 teams.

Most had humble beginnings and have grown to provide quality football for the bulk of the players, who may never achieve greatness but who thoroughly enjoy the sport.

One interesting little story, published in the Central Australian Year Book, caught our eye.

And here it is...

In 1971 Alice Springs formed its first official soccer committee and enough interest was shown to start the ball rolling at Anzac Oval with three registered men's teams.

Very soon after the then committee treasurer Mrs Carmel Coccetti, an avid soccer fan, was in a position as a school teacher at the OLSH convent primary school to form a first junior soccer boys team.

The boys were all students of the convent school. The late Joe Deegen, also an active committee man, was able to form and coach a junior team from another local school.



The boys of the Verdi soccer team in front of the camera in Alice Springs back in 1972. We wonder whether any of them will pick up a copy of AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY, maybe somewhere in the Northern Territory or Queensland, and recall those days.

Another senior men's team (Rangers) was also able to produce a boys team, so junior soccer competition also got under way that same year at Anzac Oval.

The boys were so keen that at first they played bare footed and bare chested.

The convent team coached by Mrs Coccetti was given black shorts, white T-shirts and white socks and these were donated by local business man Luigi Ruffino, and helped distinguish the team.

Soon after, a member of the Alice Springs Verdi Club, Guido Dussin, agreed to sponsor this same team and supplied them with a full strip and they then played under the name of Verdi Junior soccer team.

The other team also managed to get sponsors. Most of the boys in the first Verdi Junior soccer team were born in the NT.

Four of them boarded at the convent school as their parents worked on outback cattle stations.

They had never even seen a soccer game played, so until that year had no idea what to do with a round ball.

The first film they viewed on the technique of soccer starred Pele, so this Pele became their overnight idol.

Verdi sponsored junior soccer and all junior soccer has come a long way since 1971.

All officials and organisers in these 10 years should be mightily pleased with themselves.

Some of the boys in the photo who were in Grade 7 who boarded at convent and left Alice Springs at the beginning of 1972 to continue their Catholic school education in Queensland.

Mrs Coccetti also resigned her position at the start of 1972, due to her new business commitments.

KEITH GILMOUR'S JUNIOR SCENE

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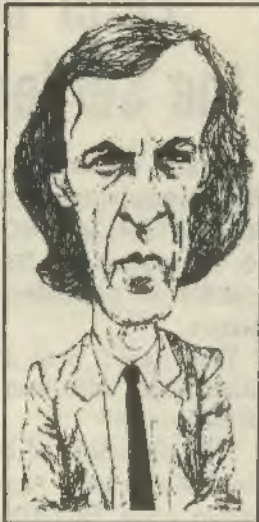
LATIN AMERICA

URUGUAY

• Fernando Morena, Penarol's Uruguayan central striker, may be tempted to join the Brazilian Flamengo where he would team up in the attack with Zico.

ARGENTINA

• Argentina, giving financial problems as the reason, is likely to stay away from the South American Youth championships — staged in neighboring Bolivia...



• Former manager of world champions Argentina, Luis Cesar Menotti, has not signed a contract with FC Barcelona. In fact, the Catalan club has told their German coach Udo Lattek: win the 1983 title and you get an automatic extension of your most lucrative (about \$140,000) contract.

• Victor Trossero, who had played for several seasons with the French clubs Nantes, Monaco and Montpellier, has returned to his native Argentina and has signed for River Plate.

• All those stories about Ossie Ardiles having lost a brother during the Falklands (Malvinas) war. The fighter pilot involved was a distant second cousin — who had never even met Ardiles.



Passarella in a happier moment — with the 1978 World Cup.

GERMANY

• The tiny West German club Furerth has received a \$100 contribution from one of their old and faithful admirers — Henry Kissinger who hails from that city.

• Bayern Munich's Hungarian coach, Pal Csernai — often accused in the newspapers of being a mere tool of the strong-willed Paul Breitner — is negotiating with Spanish and Swiss clubs.

PORTUGAL

• This is the way to foster love and understanding in soccer: a first division club in Portugal is called Amora

• The Portuguese club Sporting Lisboa has declined to sign the brilliant Honduran defender Costly — because they already have the allowed one foreigner, the Hungarian goalie Ferenc Meszaros, one of the mainstays of the team.

FRANCE

• The brilliant French international of Bordeaux, Marius Tresor, last week underwent a disc hernia operation. He suffered a

bad back injury last October and, on occasions, was almost completely paralysed.

• Friendly matches are dead in Europe: the French club Lyon attracted only 2,621 fans to see the visiting German FC Koln.

USA

• The Americans are serious about their preparations for the 1986 World Cup: they have entered the national side, under the name of Team America, in this year's NASL championship which starts on April 22.

FIFA

• A FIFA quartet led by World Cup Organising Chairman Hermann Neuberger, will visit the four applicant countries for the 1986 Cup, the USA, Canada, Mexico and Brazil. They will tour in April. Final decision: May 20. Our tip still: Brazil...

SPAIN

• Maradona is likely to be out of action for up to six months with his illness, hepatitis. Meanwhile, Barcelona pays him his full salary. Says Maradona's

manager Jorge Cysztrepiller: "Barcelona is a phenomenal club — but Maradona is God."

• The names of all the celebrated stars are missing from the list of top scorers in the Spanish first division: no Santillana, Juanito or Quini... The leader is Zaragoza's Amarilla on 14 goals.

BULGARIA

• Stefan Boskov, former Bulgarian national team manager, has been appointed coach of the country's leading team, the Army-backed CSKA Sofia.

MALTA

• For the first time ever, the Maltese government and private enterprises have agreed to let national team players have time off with pay to prepare for international matches, pleasing Malta's coach Victor Scherri.

AUSTRIA

• Two of Austria's top clubs are coached by foreigners: Rapid by the Yugoslav Otto Baric and FK Austria by the Czech Wenzl Halama. A total of 36 foreign players appear with first division clubs, almost all of them over the age of 30.

ISRAEL

• Israel, like Australia, has adopted the English system of awarding three points for a win. But just in case somebody thinks this is new: Greece had such a system for many years — and only recently changed back to the orthodox two points...

• Bnei Yehuda of Israel recently imported three Jewish players from Argentina: Sergio Jauvel and Andreas Schorr from Almagro and Luis Cham-mah from Defensor. After only one match, Jauvel was selected for Israel's Olympic team.

HOLLAND

• Dutch club Feyenoord's manager Hans Kraay can't see any of his team's matches. He suffers from a nervous condition and his doctors have told him to stay away from the Feyenoord games, so he watches other teams every weekend, having coached his side during the week. And Feyenoord are near the top...

CANADA

• Former Blackpool goalie Tony Walters is the new manager-coach of Canada. Walters went to Canada in 1977 and

coached Vancouver Whitecaps to a Soccer Bowl (play off series) win in 1979.

KOREA

• It's become a fashion to adopt a logo for major international sporting events. The one chosen for the 1988 Olympics in Seoul, South Korea is a tiger.



Scottish Cup draw

Scottish Cup fourth round, on Saturday, February 19, is:

Partick or Kilmarnock v Clyde or Motherwell, Aberdeen v Dundee, Morton v St Mirren, Celtic v Dunfermline, Queen of the South or Hearts v East Fife, Queens Park v St Johnstone, Albion v Airdrieonians, Rangers v Forfar.

Third round replays are on Wednesday February 2. Replay dates for English FA Cup fourth round:

Tuesday, February 1: Fulham v Watford.

Wednesday, February 2: Leeds v Arsenal, Norwich v Coventry.

BRITAIN CALLING

• Believe it or not, the so-wealthy English F.A. has suddenly found itself in financial trouble.

To clear the 1982 deficit, the F.A. has decided to sell some gilt-edged stocks valued at \$1,600,000.

Now questions are being asked — in particular, does the F.A. pour too much cash into international football?

England was bitterly disappointed to receive only about \$160,000 from the World Cup in Spain. One top administrator asked: "Is it worth pouring so much time and money into World Cup preparation when the payoff is so small?"

★ ★ ★

• Many European players are ending their careers in Hong Kong but they're not finding it easy to handle.

Charlie George was beset with problems when he tried to make it there and soon returned to England. Alan Ball has quit Hong Kong to join Bristol Rovers.

But one British player who is a very big hit in the Crown Colony is Tommy Hutchinson, ex-Manchester City. Hutchinson is the darling of the Hong Kong fans and at \$1,500 a week, he's getting four times the wages of most other stars.

★ ★ ★

• There could be important changes in the FA Cup semi-final format next year. Two plans are being discussed:—

(1) To take the semi-finals to Wembley on alternate Saturdays.

(2) To play them, home and away, over two legs.

★ ★ ★

• Although Manchester United deny they are ready to sell England captain Ray Wilkins, rumours still persist that he will be the big bait to lure a star striker to Old Trafford.

United are keen to sign Cyrille Regis (West Brom), Alan Brazil (Ipswich) or Gary Shaw (Aston Villa) in a straight swap deal — with Wilkins the logical departure.

★ ★ ★

• It looks an impossible target — four trophies for one team — but that's what Liverpool are chasing.

Evidently the bookies don't consider it an impossible task for the Merseyside team. Ladbroke's offer no more than 10 to 1 against Liverpool taking the first division title, F.A. Cup, European Cup and Milk Cup.

★ ★ ★

• Watford's Gerry Armstrong returned from Spain a hero after performing exceptionally well for Northern Ireland in the World Cup.

This season, Gerry's found the going tough. He's been out of action for three months with a cracked fibula.

★ ★ ★

• Exceptional goalscoring feats for Liverpool have made Welshman Ian Rush the hottest property in English football. But when Liverpool bought Rush from Chester in May 1980, some people reckoned he was much too expensive at \$500,000. You couldn't buy him for five times that figure now.

Rush is on \$1,300 a week with Liverpool. As one of 10 children whose father is a redundant steel worker, Rush's affluence has certainly eased the Rush family's money worries.

★ ★ ★

• Winger John Robertson, one of Scotland's few successes in the World Cup in Spain, will be out of Nottingham Forest's side for at least six weeks. He's had a cartilage operation.

★ ★ ★

• Irishman Gerry Daly, who looked like developing into a superstar in his early days at Manchester United, has again found a new club after stints at Derby County, QPR and Coventry City.

Daly has been allowed to join Leicester City on loan.

★ ★ ★

• A.C. Milan have pulled out of a proposed deal to sign Glenn Hoddle from Spurs. The Italian club is wary about paying big money for UK stars after the disappointing performances of Scottish international Joe Jordan.

The word from Milan is that Jordan can go. The club expects to sign two Argentinians from Racing Cordoba — Roberto Gasparini and Juan Urrutl. Neither made the Argentine squad for the World Cup.

★ ★ ★

• Leeds United, now without doubt "supported" by the most unruly fans in England, have written to Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher demanding Government action to curb hooliganism at football matches.

Well... Maggie settled the Falkland Islands affair, didn't she?



Breitner with the West German Cup.

Breitner wants to run Bayern Munchen

Some players make news, others manufacture it.

Bayern Munchen's West German international star Paul Breitner simply attracts public attention. He is outspoken, unorthodox and, often, outrageous.

Now that he has announced his retirement after May, he has announced that his long-term plan is to become the club's president.

"I'd be an advisor to the

manager and the coaches, always around the players, together as a unit, not like some other presidents ruling from the Boardroom.

"This is what I admired about Real Madrid and this is what I would do in Bayern."

But not just yet. Bayern have a different role in mind for the rebellious Breitner.

"We want to keep him within the club," says his

manager, friend and former team-mate Uli Hoeness.

"We are searching for the right post for him. One thing is sure: he won't be coaching the juniors, for example."

Breitner has already reached agreement with Adidas: he will be their product representative in Southern Bavaria.

Then he is hoping to

have a testimonial match as a farewell present, counting on about \$400,000 in gate takings.

"That will have to wait," says Hoeness. "The World Cup and some of its controversies are still too fresh in many minds."

Lucky, lucky Germans: a "mere" silver medal at the World Cup seems to have caused deep resentment among the fans...

BRITISH NEWS

Hard-up Chelsea suffered a blow when their \$170,000 midfielder Tony McAndrew went into hospital for a spinal operation.

McAndrew will need six weeks to get over the operation and must then regain match fitness — so he could be a write-off for the rest of this season.

★ ★ ★

Blackburn Rovers have been banned from buying players after falling behind with hire-purchase payments.

Plymouth Argyle complained to the Football League that Blackburn owed money for \$65,000 signing Colin Randell and did not send them December and January instalments.

When Blackburn had a home draw in the FA Cup against big attraction Liverpool, Plymouth wrote to them: "Delighted you are playing Liverpool — hope it will allow you to settle with us in full!"

★ ★ ★

Gary Bailey, Manchester United goalkeeper, believes the Old Trafford fans are not nearly as noisy as they used to be... and that worries him.

He appealed for more vocal support from United followers. Bailey says his team mates couldn't hear him shouting in the old days because his voice was drowned by supporters' cheers.

He even used to go to Old Trafford in the afternoons to practice screaming to himself!

★ ★ ★

Manchester United boss Ron Atkinson has denied a story that he is ready to sell England stars Steve Coppell and Ray Wilkins.

It was hinted that money from the Coppell-Wilkins deal was needed so United could sign Alan Brazil from Ipswich Town.

★ ★ ★

George Wood, Arsenal's goalkeeper, is unsettled. Wood has had to battle Irish international Pat Jennings for the goalkeeping job ever since he moved to Highbury.

Jennings displaced Wood recently — and Wood was not at all happy about it.

★ ★ ★

The abuse hurled at Ossie Ardiles by rival supporters since his comeback for Spurs doesn't unduly worry Spurs manager Keith Burkinshaw.

Burkinshaw says: "The British public is the fairest in the world so this treatment of Ardiles won't last long."

Argentinian Ossie, of course, is getting the backlash from the Falkland Islands affair.

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Charlton Athletic are wondering if they did the right thing by paying Barcelona more than \$1 million for former European footballer of the year Alan Simonsen.

Second Division Charlton hoped for big crowds to recoup their outlay. But when two Simonsen goals sunk Leicester City recently, only 5,971 fans were there to applaud.

Greek boss for US team

By John Economos.

Alkis Panagoulas, former World Cup manager of Greece, has been appointed new boss of the United States national soccer team.

The 48-year-old Greek, who became an American citizen very early in the 1970s, will also take over as manager the newly-formed Team America, which will play in the North American Soccer League from next season.

Australian soccer fans will remember Panagoulas when he brought the Greek national team to Australia and played the 1-1 draw at the Sydney Cricket Ground in June 1978.

• Almost daily, there are new stories about the serious debts facing UK football clubs — in all divisions.

Little Torquay United had a loss last year of \$115,000, taking their debts to \$350,000. But that's a SMALL debt balance compared to many other clubs.

MEXICO THRIVING

Australia levelled the scoreline when awarded the penalty after being a goal down from an inswinging drive from Petros Karavidis.

Panagoulas has lived for more than 10 years in America, around the New York region, but went back to Greece to take over the national team from 1973 to 1981.

Last year, he piloted the Greek first division club, Olympiakos to become champions.

Before going back to Greece, Panagoulas was manager of a semi-professional club, New York Greek-Americans. With this club he won three consecutive United States championships in 1966, 1967 and 1968.

The Mexican government may be flat broke — but the country's soccer had one of its best years in 1982.

Mexico's professionals play in four divisions.

The first division has 20 teams from 12 cities.

At present, the leading club is America from Mexico City.

They have quite a few imported players: Zelada, Outes and Bacas from Argentina and the Brazilian striker Batata.

Another leading club is Atlante, also from the capital.

Because of the big distances between cities, Mexico's various divisions play in four groups.

The top two in each group qualifies for the finals.



Liverpool after double



It used to be said that no team could win the double of the first division championship and the F.A. Cup in one season.

Then Spurs did it. And so did Arsenal. Now the "impossible" double is obviously on again this year, with Liverpool the candidates.

British bookmakers no longer offer 50 to 1 against a team winning the double. Far from it. They reckon Liverpool are only 11 to 2 to collect the UK's two most important trophies.

It would be an ideal farewell present for Liver-

pool boss Bob Paisley, who retires in May.

But what an act for his successor (probably assistant Joe Fagan) to follow.

By the way, here's an odd fact. Although Bob Paisley seems to have won just about everything football has to offer, he has never taken his Liverpool team to Wembley to win an F.A. Cup Final.

Be sure the Cup will be Bob's main goal this year. And with the first division title already on its way to Liverpool, Paisley can concentrate to the maximum on the Cup.

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Peace-pipe offered to NSL

RODNY PLEDGES NSW'S SUPPORT

By David Jack

"If the National League and the State Federations cannot work together, there is no future for soccer in this country."

This crisp message comes from Karel Rodny, the long-serving president of the NSW Federation of Soccer Clubs.

It will surprise many people who picture Rodny as the NSL's perennial antagonist, the administrator who never misses an opportunity to hurl abuse at the national competition.

Of course, the NSW Federation president strongly denies such charges. He insists he has never sought the destruction of the national club set-up.

Indeed, he points out that it was NSW which proposed there should be a voice on the Australian Soccer Federation Executive for the NSL.

Karel Rodny has been in conflict with the NSL but only on those occasions when he feels the standing of his beloved State Federation is under threat from the national clubs.

He is a born fighter. And he will fight to the death to protect the well-being of the State Federation.

Yet Rodny is convinced 1983 will see both factions pulling together. "It is my intention to work in harmony with the NSL and I have been assured that the NSL is similarly anxious to get along with us. If that happens, we shall all be serving the best interests of soccer in Australia," he said.

He went on: "Sam Papasavas, chairman of the National League, is a friend of mine. We meet at ASF meetings and on the World Cup committee. There are no divisions. I like to think we have a mutual understanding of the problems of the code."

any disputes are now well behind us."

No sponsor

The most important thing on Rodny's mind right now is how the NSW State Federation will face up to the challenge of 1983.

He admits he is very disappointed over the failure to secure a sponsor for the competition. He almost had an oil company signed up but at the last minute, the company pulled out.

their players and to us."

The pride and joy of the NSW Federation is its headquarters at Parklea, some 30 kilometres west of Sydney. There the Federation owns 65 acres of valuable land in a rapidly-developing growth area.

The land alone is worth \$2,000,000. And at Parklea, a magnificent brick building houses the Federation offices, an indoor playing arena and rooms due to be developed as living accommodation for

against NSL teams, the big boys know they have a battle on their hands."

Nurseries

Yet so long as the National League survives, the various State competitions will inevitably be nurseries for budding young talent — springboards for youngsters with ability to progress to the national club scene.

This was proved when two Auburn players, Rod Brown and Robbie Slater transferred from the State League to the NSL and also earned youth international honours for Australia.

There are many more in the Brown-Slater class coming through State teams.

At a younger age level, the NSW Federation conducts several teenage competitions from which players graduate to the State League and, later, to the NSL.

In the long term, the State competitions could conceivably become much bigger.

Already, there has been much talk about so-called "Super State Leagues" embodying the cream of the NSL plus the best-supported clubs from State competition.

Karel Rodny does not deny that such a competition makes sense and could be a logical next step if the financial burden of a national club competition becomes too heavy a load for the 16 teams now involved.

"Some time, either sooner or later, I feel there will be a NSW Super State League, taking in the present NSL teams in NSW plus crowd-pulling State sides like Blacktown, Croatia and Melita, plus teams from Newcastle, Wollongong and Canberra.

"I feel this would be an excellent set-up. And the code would not lose its national identity at club level. If similar leagues operated in other States, the 'Australian Championship' could be decided in an October round-robin, embracing the top two teams from Queensland, NSW, Victoria and South Australia.

"Maybe even West Australia and Tasmania, despite problems which affect those States."

Editor's comments: All sensible soccer people will welcome Karl Rodny's peace-pipe offering.

As for the suggested NSW Super-League, we have only one puzzling question: Why did not the NSW Federation ever even bother to think about it before the formation of the National League?



NSW President Karel Rodny

Then he had talks with a leading insurance company, only to get another rejection.

As most sporting bodies have discovered, the economic recession is causing the majority of commercial firms to pull in their horns when it comes to spending money.

There are many things NSW could do with sponsorship money. In particular, it would ensure prizes for clubs which win competitions.

A generous sponsor would also allow the Federation to enlarge its operations — for instance, by employing a publicity and promotions man.

Karel Rodny is well aware that the State body needs professional assistance if it is to gain good media coverage.

However, the NSW Federation is far from broke. As Rodny stressed: "None of our clubs is in serious financial trouble. They meet their commitments to

Australia's national team and various other representative squads.

Several playing pitches will complete the project which soon will be the envy of every football code in the State.

"Our treasurer Charles Valentine must take the major credit for Parklea," said the Federation president. "It has taken 10 years of really hard work to establish Parklea and a huge part of that work has been put in by him," said Rodny.

Of more immediate concern is the standard of soccer we may expect to see from NSW State League sides this year.

Rodny is optimistic when he comments: "Judging by last year's performances, it will be good. I have no doubts that the better State League clubs are capable of matching most NSL clubs on ability. When skilful sides like Croatia, Melita or Sutherland are drawn

FROM THE PRESS BOX

St. George officials are wondering whether they'll ever bother to invite Olympic again to take part in their pre-season tournaments.

They can stop: the answer is a clear 'yes'. They know and we know and everybody else knows that Olympic produce the crowds and the dollars.

What has led to the posing of the above rhetorical question was a series of 'incidents' at the end of the Olympic v St. George match last Sunday week.

Following Olympic's equaliser in the 90th minute (actually, 45 m. 14 sec. of the second half), hundreds of fans rushed on the pitch to embrace their heroes.

In the uncontrollable scenes that followed, some St. George players were assaulted and their coach Frank Arok pushed around.

These episodes will be condemned by everybody with a sense of decency, including the vast majority of Greek fans.

But we must understand one thing clearly: soccer crowds tend to get out of hand. Not just here but everywhere else, too.

On one hand we lament the behaviour of a few lunatics — and on the other hand we spend a small fortune trying to increase our crowds which will, inevitably, include more lunatics.

The English and the others have already found out that you cannot have it both ways: the bigger the crowd, the greater the chance for a disturbance.

The alternative would be to keep soccer matches for a handful of nice, well behaved, elderly people wrapped in rugs, dispassionately watching the action from a box seat.

But clubs want crowds and revenue — and 'incidents' are part of the risk they have to accept.

Rules or "promotions"?

Of course, even such friendly tournaments could be better staged.

Last year the Saints did it on their own — and it went smoothly.

This year an interclub committee was established — and this led to some hassles.

One particular incident was typical of the confusion prevailing.

The four clubs had agreed to abide by the basic NSL rules, barring any player with two cautions.

St. George kept to this and benched Paul Wilkinson in the match against Leichhardt.

But Olympic argued and insisted that Marshall Soper be allowed to play — despite having had two cautions in the previous games.

They reasoned that all the fans had come to see Soper in action, so promotion was more important than rules and principles.

Finally, they had their way and the fans had the pleasure of seeing this gangling youth in the line-up.

But the story doesn't end there. After the event, the NSL declared that all future friendly tournaments would be controlled by that organisation to enforce the rules and all agreements.

The NSL is not after a share of the takings — its concern is for the image of the game.

So, perhaps, Olympic did the game some service by breaking an agreement and compelling the NSL to fulfil their function as the body controlling the public activities of their member clubs.

Either that — or Rafferty's Rules. Promotion is one thing but abandoning established principles is something else again and no club, regardless of the size of its support, should enjoy such a privilege. — A. Dettre



ASF President Sir Arthur George